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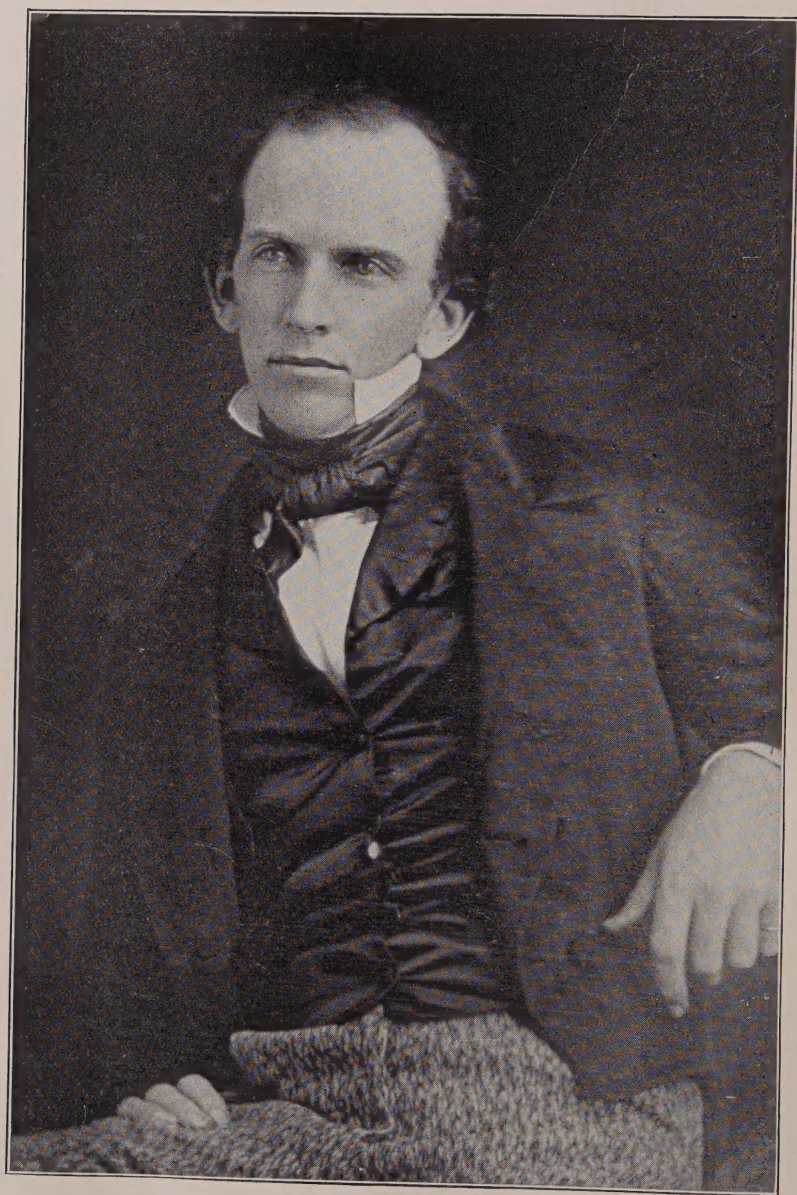
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THE FOUNDER OF THE FRATERNITY
John Reily Knox as he looked in 1839

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BETA THETA PI

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*T*O the immortal eight
who founded Beta Theta Pi in 1839;
to the sons who have followed after them
in long, illustrious line;
to the novitiates who, in days ahead,
are to "build up" this brotherhood
—your's and mine,
this story of an American college fraternity
is dedicated
in —kai—



O Beta, thou art ever glorious.
Thy bonds are sweet, thy service, joy!
The brightness of thy radiant image
Years shall not dim or time destroy.
Now, now, to thee we bring our praises,
While we around thy altar bow;
Our loyal trust, our hearts' devotion,
Our love and faith we pledge thee now.

—JAMES TAFT HATFIELD

FOREWORD

This story and manual of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, a copy of which is given to each initiate, is but slightly changed from the first edition which was published in 1927. The narrative has been brought down to June 30, 1930. Each chapter has been carefully restudied, with a view to accuracy of statement, some changes being made in accordance with the results of investigations into the history of the fraternity. Some additional illustrative material has been introduced. The general outline remains that of "The Handbook of Beta Theta Pi," published in 1907 by William Raimond Baird, as a sequence to "Fraternity Studies" which he had printed at an earlier time. The novitiate, seeking information regarding the brotherhood he has just joined will find in the following pages the essential facts regarding Beta Theta Pi. The older member will have his memory refreshed and his pride strengthened by reading again the story of more than ninety years since "Pater Knox" and his seven companions "of ever honored memory" established the fraternity "'neath the elms of Old Miami."

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THE BETA BOOK

CHAPTER I

THE FIRST YEAR OF BETA THETA PI



"Beta Theta Pi is prospering, and I rejoice. I hope they may ever keep the standard high and press on with a calm, silent and unconquerable energy. Based upon no unjust principle; formed for noble purposes; all that is necessary to secure complete success is an unflinching determination to pursue steadily the track in which we started."

—David Linton to John Reily Knox, January 1, 1840



Beta Theta Pi was founded at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in the latter part of the college year whose Commencement Day came on Thursday, August 13, 1839. The exact date of the first meeting is not known. At that time Martin Van Buren was president of the United States whose territory beyond the Mississippi river was largely undeveloped. Ohio was 37 years old, Indiana 23, Illinois 21, Missouri 18, Arkansas 3 and Michigan 2, Iowa and Wisconsin still being territories. Across the Ohio, Kentucky was 47 years old. It was in a frontier land among pioneers that Beta Theta Pi was born.

John Reily Knox, '39, was a leader in the activities of the Union Literary Society. In May, 1839, he was its secretary, and, after a lively campaign, during which considerable bitterness of feeling developed, he was elected its president. On May 20, over his signature as secretary, he reported the expulsion from the society of three members for using profanity and other ungentlemanly expressions about the society and its members both within and without the society hall, this expulsion being announced at chapel, in spite of the attempt of the offenders to escape the penalty by resigning the next morning after the disturbance. On June 7, 1839, he was inaugurated president of the society, delivering the following address:

"Fellow Members of the Union Literary Society: You have seen fit to elevate me to the highest post in your power to bestow on a private member of your association. Need I say that I thank you for it? Actions, it is said, speak louder than words. Let then my actions proclaim my thanks. Let my actions prove my devotion to your interests. When my heart ceases to remember with gratitude my obligations to you and forgets the interests of Union Hall, then may this right hand forget her cunning and my brow receive the brand, "Ungrateful."

Fellow Members: We are about to commence anew our exercises and services in the Union Hall. And now, gentlemen, let each one forget what has gone before, or let it be remembered only as a warning in his future course. Let old strifes and animosities be buried. If any one retain any lingering of doubt or enmity toward another member, let him quench it immediately. Let each one, like the Roman soldier, renew his vow of obedience and affection. Let him take upon himself again the sacrament of devotion and of love. Let all join hand in hand, and let each go on his way resolutely and nobly, and, though out of the Hall separate, yet here united. Let each one, in his intercourse with the other members of the Society, be urbane in his manners, and mild in his expressions, and steadfast in his friendship. Thus shall it

be, gentlemen, that one shall be to the other as a brother and the name of Union Lit shall be the shibboleth of Love."

This address has a double significance. It not only reflects the conditions prevailing in the society in recent months, but it also bears internal evidence that, before June 7, 1839, Knox had begun to consider certain attributes of fraternity, which, afterwards, were emphasized in the first literature of Beta Theta Pi.

There are two letters extant in which Knox told his own story of the beginnings of Beta Theta Pi. One of them was written to Edward Bruce Stevens, of the Miami chapter, April 14, 1843. The other, as "Recollections of 1839," was prepared for the Convention of 1873. The two accounts vary in some small particulars, but, in the main, tell the same story.

"To begin with the beginning, it was during the winter session, 1838-1839, that the idea of forming a secret association first suggested itself to my mind. I saw that there were many advantages in such an association, which could not otherwise be enjoyed. Such combinations of individuals are as old as the wants of man and coeval with the growth of literature. The motto of our own Society, "firmam consensus facit" is but an embodiment of the experience of man in all ages and nations.

The history of many of these secret associations had always possessed a charm for me. There was an interest about the actions of men who bound themselves together by vows which were never broken, and who pursued the great objects of their association with an energy that never tired, with a zeal which knew not self, and with a devotedness that never counted gold. Men have been found among them who labored "from morn to night, from youth to hoary age," in one cause and for one object. Revolutions have been accomplished and despots dethroned by the united action of small but daring associations. The great secret of their success consisted not in numbers but in union; not in great strength, but in well-directed and simultaneous exertions. What a few men united in object and effort will to do can be done; and more than that, such associations teach us in their records how far human friendship can carry us from the shrine of the idol self. . . . In some of these societies, however, were to be found many objectionable features which rendered them liable to be used as engines of evil as well as instruments of good. Some of these were to be found in the Alpha Delta Phi Society as it was organized at Miami University, and I imagined that an association might be formed which would embrace the good without the ingredient of evil. My attention was drawn more forcibly to this by the dissension then existing in the Union Hall which I conceived originated in the Alpha Society. In some of our conversations on the subject, Taylor Marshall suggested the idea of building up a Society which might unite the benefits without the disadvantages of the Alphas. I told him I had thought of it, but was afraid that we could not succeed. But if you know Marshall, I need not tell you that he is one of the most sanguine men in existence. The idea once started, he would not give it up until I set to work.

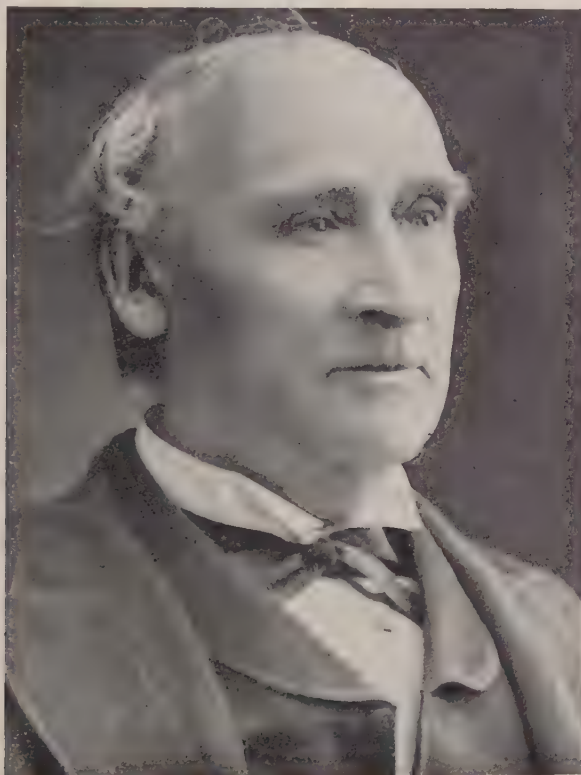
In the first place I got the Greek Lexicon and turned it over several times in search of a name. The present one was finally selected. Then came the badge. This was more difficult than the other. You have seen the first pins that were struck. In place of the crescent we first agreed on clasped hands—but that Taylor had altered when he went to the city to procure the pins. . . . We then went to work on the Constitution. You have seen the draught as it was originally presented. On that I spent my leisure time for a week or more, and many were the long consultations which Taylor and I had over that. Night after night up in "the old wing" we revised and re-revised until we got it to our satisfaction, though necessarily imperfect; for it was altogether an experiment with me, as I had nothing to go by but imagination, and I believe Taylor was equally inexperienced. The next question was, Whom shall we connect with us in this matter? Charles Hardin roomed next door to Marshall, so we called him in, and I initiated him and Taylor Marshall."

"It was in January, 1839, when I was in my Senior year at Miami University, that the idea first occurred to me of the organization of our society. Circumstances had

¹Letter to Edward Bruce Stevens, April 14, 1843. (The omitted parts of this letter represented by . . . were words illegible by reason of the wear of age on the folds of the letter.)

made me somewhat prominent in a rather bitter fight in the Literary Association of which I was a member against the Society of Alpha Delta Phi, and in which though successful I had learned to admire the compact organization and esprit de corps of its members. About the same time, too, I came across an old book, no copy of which I have seen since, and the name of which I have forgotten, giving an account of some of the secret organizations of the Middle Ages. Their knightly vows and pledges were given, with some curious sketches of their inside working and their secret history; and I was, I might almost say of course, very much interested in these ancient brotherhoods.

Being, as I have said, already impressed with the force that lies in compact organization, an idea that had been a subject of conversation between two or three of us



SAMUEL TAYLOR MARSHALL

A Founder of the Fraternity, as he looked in later life

grew on me, and I went to sketching out a plan, the constitution and obligations for a new Society. While engaged in doing this, I had repeated conferences with the gentleman whose name stands second on the roll, S. T. Marshall, now of Iowa. He was considerably my senior, anxious that something of the kind should be got up, and urged on the enterprise. The selection of the name being considered an important matter, several combinations were canvassed. Greek it must be, of course, and while desiring mainly that there should be significance in either the motto or the independent words adopted, we preferred that finally selected as being not only pleasant to the ear but reasonably significant of the objects of the infant Society. The leading motive of uniting a few choice spirits in closer bonds for improvement in literary exercises and the cultivation of social life, but chiefly the latter, was probably the principal *raison d'être* of the new organization. Mutual support and assistance, absolute faith and confidence in each other, and progress in knowledge and scholarship, were the

fundamental ideas on which we built. With a view to the cultivation of intimate social relations, it was, for instance, originally provided that no more than nine members should at one time be in attendance at the same college, and, as an illustration of the closeness of the tie which was to bind us, the original obligation taken by the neophyte pledged him to his brothers in the Order that "their friends should be his friends, and their enemies his enemies." But, at a very early day the introduction of a more Christian element into the organization led to a modification of this rather heathenish provision. The number nine, too, was soon dropped, leaving the Order free to select good fellows wherever and in whatever number it might find them; and the three stars were no longer indicative of the limited membership (as the root of the mysterious nine) but simply remained as the heavenly representatives of the three words of the Order. . . .

The members present at the first meeting of the Order were Brothers Marshall, Linton, Smith, J. G. (poor Leb as good a fellow as ever lived; he died young), and myself. The meeting was held in a room occupied at the time by Taylor Marshall, in that part of the college buildings at Oxford known as "the old wing." The venerable pile was abated as a nuisance and reduced to its original elements a few years ago under the active supervision of that chief of the Goths and Vandals, Brother John W. Herron, in his capacity of chairman of the committee on public grounds and buildings of the board of trustees of Miami University. At that meeting I administered the obligation to the members present, but, by inadvertence, no one qualified me in turn, so that I am scarce able to say, though my name has always been borne on the catalogue, that I am entitled to the privileges of those who wear the badge and bear the name of Beta Theta Pi.

Soon after this first meeting Charlie Hardin, John Duncan, and M. C. Ryan, good and true fellows, were added to the faithful band, and many a pleasant and profitable meeting we had in the early spring and on into the summer of that year of grace, 1839, our commencement at that time being in August, either the first or second Thursday, I am not sure which. . . .

Though somewhat intimately connected with the early days of our Order that has gone on so prosperously for thirty-five years, half the period of man's allotted time on earth, yet since then I have had practically but little connection with it, and thus, though largely responsible for its start in life, I can claim no credit for the magnificent growth it has had. It was only with its small beginnings that I had anything to do. But it is needless to say that I take great pride in the prosperity of Beta and have faith in her future. . . .

We were a pleasant company, pleasant to each other at least, and I should greatly like to meet the survivors again. None of them will be at your festival, brethren. Pray, remember them when you drink to the absent.*

The account of the origin of Beta Theta Pi as given by Samuel Taylor Marshall magnifies his own part in the early proceedings. Extracts are made from an interview with him a few years before his death which he endorsed as "in whole and in detail a correct account of the founding of Beta Theta Pi," and from two letters written by him within three years of his death.

"Alpha Delta Phi had a chapter at Miami, and an intimate friend of Marshall one day surprised the latter by asking him how he would like to join that fraternity. Marshall replied that he would have to study about that, having in mind that secret societies were very unpopular with both faculty and students, and membership in one might be a detriment to one, and at the end of a week gave a negative answer. But the idea, planted in his mind, started a train of thought about the possibility of a society which would be so secret that neither professors nor students would suspect its existence or at least know its membership. This latter idea involved a regulation that no badges should be worn during undergraduate life, and around it he proceeded to write a constitution, which afterwards was that of Beta Theta Pi.

All this was early in the spring, and Marshall diligently studied "exposés" of older esoteric societies as the work progressed and the ritual was begun. The greatest difficulty he had was to find three Greek words which were adequate in themselves to express the fundamental spirit of the fraternity he had in mind. Marshall was never satisfied with slovenly work, and spent days poring over a Grove's Greek lexicon, hunt-

*"Recollections of 1839," written for the 35th Convention, 1873.

ing for the proper signs for his new idea. Beta was found first. Two days later Theta was accepted and not for several days more was Pi added to complete the triad, although the last word was not entirely satisfactory at the time.

It was upon one of the first three days of July that the new constitution and ritual was declared completed by its author; and he says he thought of the nation's natal day as the proper one for the birthday of his new fraternity. On July 2 or 3 Marshall spoke to John Reily Knox, with whom he was very intimate, and showed the latter his manuscript with which Knox was greatly pleased. By mutual consent of Marshall and Knox, James George Smith was taken into their confidence. These made the three necessary to form a chapter, and all were especially pleased at the provision that no visible badge should be worn. Some changes were made in the ritual after consultation together, and on July 4, 1839, everything was completed and as it remained for at least several years. Marshall obligated each of the others in turn. . . . The meetings at this time all occurred in Marshall's room in the now demolished west wing of the main college building."

"I conceived the idea of this society and wrote the constitution and finished it before any one else ever knew about it. I then showed it to John Reily Knox and he approved it, and then we got James G. Smith in and we three started Alpha chapter. Smith was my roommate, but Knox was a class ahead of us and was a Senior, while we were Juniors."

"I was a student at Miami University, having entered in the fall of 1836, and graduated August 13, 1840. While there I was approached by a member of the Alpha Delta Phi, who spoke to me and asked how I would like to join a Greek society. I told him to let me think about it a week, because at that time there was a great prejudice against such secret societies, not only among the students but also among the faculty. At the end of the week I told my friend that I feared to join the Alpha Delta Phi on account of the bad effect it might have on my standing in class. However, I began to ruminate and study about it, and, finally, in the spring and summer of 1839, I thought I could found a society and keep it secret so that no one would know who belonged. I wrote the constitution and submitted it to John Reily Knox, and asked him to become a member and one of the founders, and he agreed to it. Mr. Knox was in the Senior class, and I was in the Junior class. Then James G. Smith, who was in my class, was consulted and joined us. I dated the constitution as being of July 4, 1839."

The probability is that both Knox and Marshall, acting independently, had conceived the idea of forming a new society at Miami, but that it did not take final form until after many conferences between them. Knox is considered to be the founder. His contemporaries so regarded him. His name takes precedence in records, although not first under an alphabetical arrangement. Letters to him from Miami, written within the first four years of the fraternity's existence, hail him as the founder and give him the loving title "Patriarch."

The constitution mentioned by Marshall was short and simple. Its provisions were:

CONSTITUTION

ART. 1. The title of this association shall be Beta Theta Pi.

ART. 2. The motto of this association shall be * * *.

ART. 3. The objects of this association are * * *.

ART. 4. The visible badge of this association shall be a breast-pin bearing on front the following characters: 1st, three stars; 2nd, a crescent; 3rd, the initial letters of the motto; 4th, the date of the formation of this association; on the back, a heart with a spear passed through it, together with the name of the member who wears it.

ART. 5. The secret password of this society shall be * * *.

ART. 6. No chapter of this association shall consist of more than nine nor less than three regular members.

ART. 7. No person shall become a member of this association of whose abilities we are not well assured, and in whose fidelity we have not the most implicit confidence, and not then unless by the united concurrence of every member present.

ART. 8. Other branches of this association may be established at such places as may be thought suitable and prudent.

ART. 9. The badge shall not be worn by any member whilst in attendance at college or in such other places as may be deemed by himself or the members of this association unsuitable.

ART. 10. An address shall be delivered in private to the members of this association on each anniversary of its foundation.

ART. 11. The members of each chapter shall meet at least once in each month, for the purpose of hearing an essay read by some member, who shall have been appointed for this purpose, on any subject connected with the objects of this association.

ART. 12. The signs, symbols, proceedings and constitution of this association shall be kept inviolably secret.

ART. 13. Every member, before becoming a member of this association, shall bind himself to the following obligation:

The obligation was in ten sections whose subject matter was a modification of that contained in the vows of the Thrice Illustrious Knights of the Cross, in some paragraphs the exact wording being copied, in others special expressions being borrowed. This ancient Masonic degree was



among those which were exposed in full during the decade immediately preceding the foundation of Beta Theta Pi, as a result of the Morgan episode in the history of American Masonry. Without doubt it was one of these exposés which Knox studied with so much interest.

With the plan and scope of the association determined, its constitution and obligations phrased, and its initial membership completed by the addition to James G. Smith, David Linton and Charles H. Hardin, already mentioned as selected by Knox and Marshall, of John H. Duncan, Thomas B. Gordon and Michael C. Ryan, the first formal meeting was set for August 8, five days before commencement day, when Knox, Ryan and Linton were to receive the bachelor's degree from Miami. It was the eighth day of the eighth month and there were eight of them. Knox was president of the Union Literary Society so that it was easy to secure the key of its hall for the secret meeting, which the fraternity recognizes as the foundation one, although the text of the minutes clearly shows previous gatherings. The dignified record of the meeting indicates the importance attached to it by the participants.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, *August 9, 1839*

The following young men, students of Miami University, namely, John R. Knox, Samuel T. Marshall, David Linton, J. G. Smith, Charles H. Hardin, John H. Duncan,

M. C. Ryan, and Thomas B. Gordon, having associated themselves together, formed and subscribed the foregoing constitution, laws and obligations, held, agreeably to previous arrangement, their first regular meeting in the hall of the Union Literary Society at 9:00 o'clock on Thursday evening, August 8, Anno Domini 1839.

John H. Duncan, having been previously elected as first president of this association, delivered his inaugural address as required, and entered upon the discharge of his duties. David Linton, who had been previously appointed to prepare a suitable address for the occasion, discharged the duty devolving upon him in an essay upon the first, and an *ex tempore* address upon the last, words of the motto. J. R. Knox was then elected to address the society upon the first anniversary of its foundation. Thomas B. Gordon was appointed to prepare the essay for the next meeting. Mr. Ryan proposed that it should be the duty of the secretary to inform by letter all absent members of the election of any new member, which proposition was agreed to. As a portion of the members would be absent during the approaching recess of the university, it was deemed advisable to adjourn to meet on the second Thursday of October, and the society adjourned accordingly.

JOHN H. DUNCAN, *Pres.*

JAMES G. SMITH, *Sec.*

The arrangement of names in the minutes is quite likely in the order of selection for membership in the new fraternity. The eight founders of Beta Theta Pi then were:

JOHN REILY KNOX

Born 20 May, 1820, in Butler County, Ohio.

Died 7 February, 1898, in Greenville, Ohio.

SAMUEL TAYLOR MARSHALL

Born 26 February, 1812, in Butler County, Ohio.

Died 13 June, 1895, in Keokuk, Iowa.

DAVID LINTON

Born 30 January, 1815, near Wilmington, Ohio.

Died 10 August, 1889, in Pleasanton, Kansas.

JAMES GEORGE SMITH

Born 10 August, 1819, near Lebanon, Ohio.

Died 16 September, 1849, near Lebanon, Ohio.

CHARLES HENRY HARDIN

Born 15 July, 1820, in Trimble County, Kentucky.

Died 29 July, 1892, in Mexico, Missouri.

JOHN HOLT DUNCAN

Born 7 July, 1820, in Harrison County, Kentucky.

Died 27 May, 1896, in Austin, Texas.

MICHAEL CLARKSON RYAN

Born 23 April, 1820, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Died 23 October, 1861, in Hamilton, Ohio.

THOMAS BOSTON GORDON

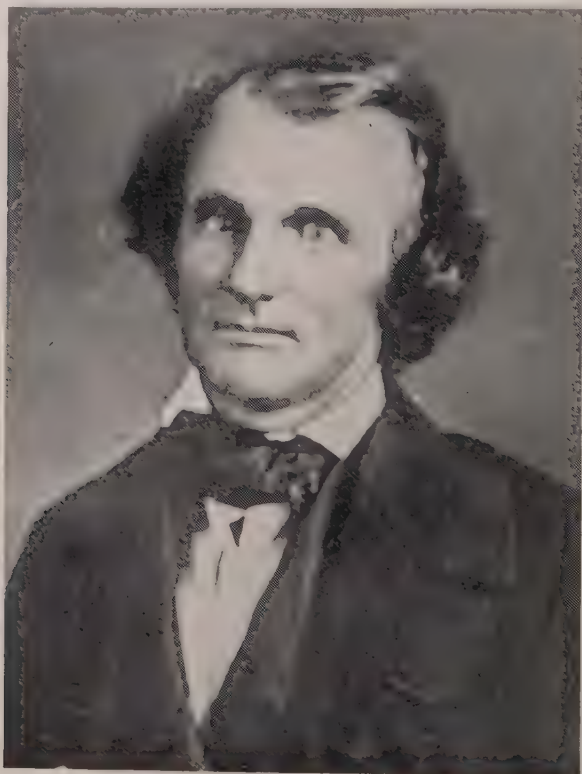
Born 4 February, 1816, in Elbert County, Georgia.

Died 25 January, 1891, in Lexington, Kentucky.

Knox was from Greenville, Darke County, Ohio; Marshall from Butler County, Ohio, near Oxford; Linton and Smith were from Clinton County, Ohio, near Wilmington; Hardin's home was in Columbia, Missouri; Ryan was from Hamilton, Ohio, near by; Gordon came from Elbert County, Georgia, and Duncan lived in Fayette, Mississippi. Recalling the bitterness of the denominational rivalry in religious matters prevalent at the time throughout the United States, it is interesting to note that Knox was an Episcopalian, Linton a Quaker, Marshall in later years a United Presbyterian, Smith a Presbyterian of Huguenot extraction, Hardin a Baptist, Ryan a Swiss Mennonite and Duncan and Gordon Scotch Presbyterians.

All that has come down to us from that first formal meeting, in addition to the record in the minutes, is the essay, part of the address given under appointment, by Founder Linton:

"In addressing you on this, the first anniversary of our beloved association, I should be blind to circumstances were I not to feel the responsibility of the station resting heavily upon me. When I look around me and consider the character of those whom I address and the cause which incites us; when I look forward to our future



FOUNDER DAVID LINTON

From an old print showing him as he looked in 1830 when the fraternity was founded.

prospects, to the talent and attainment that must be arrayed under our banner if we prove faithful to ourselves, to the tremendous influence, the concentrated power which their concentrated efforts must wield; in the full view of all these circumstances I should shrink from the undertaking were I not confident that your kind and partial indulgence, which alone can shield this hasty and futile effort, will be extended to me and afford broad and ample protection.

With this view of my present condition I shall direct your attention for a few moments to the sentiments embodied in the first and last words of our motto; for I feel that they lie at the foundation of all our hopes, that they constitute the sure anchor of our future prosperity, the main pillars upon which the temple of our glory is to rest. In reference to friendship as well as every other virtue, there have been two classes of men who have entertained different opinions. The one adheres to what

has been called the selfish system, the other to the benevolent and disinterested. The selfish contend men love not friendship for its own sake, or, if they do, it is the most foolish impulse of the heart. They claim friendship should be determined by wisdom, that all our associations are for the advancement of some hidden and interested design. With them it is the highest wisdom to use their partners in toil and danger, in joys and high hopes, as the mechanic uses his tools, for the accomplishment of some ulterior purpose, their own private ends. For my own honor I hope that such sentiments may never exist in my breast. For the honor and prosperity of our beloved society I hope and trust they may never be entertained by any "who wears the badge and bears the name of Beta Theta Pi."

Our own observation and experience have taught us that the natural disposition of man is to confide, the prattling infant in his anxious mother, the cheerful boy in his playful mate, the daring youth in his bold companion. We also know that candor and sincerity mark the character of man in the main in the springtime of life; and that these are the halcyon days of his existence, when the dew of innocence has not been drunk by the thirst of ambition, the golden age of the poets when truth and virtue remain enshrined in the heart.

Though the sun of life shall have ascended far toward the meridian, though the mind of man be engaged in the hot pursuit of fortune, fame and power, or whatever else the heart may desire; still, ever anxious, the mind looks around for another whose artless countenance beams with respect, whose bosom swells with tender regard, and whose sympathy may soothe its aching troubles. And does it look thus in vain? Do we gaze on the fellow being, old and intimate companion it may be, whose very form is loveliness, whose very tones seem kindness, and is there no such thing as the rich, the joyous function of friendship? Has the mildew of the soul corrupted the fountains of the heart? And are the enjoyments which are not compassed about by this frail tenement of clay, to be turned into sorrows and into heart-achings? Are not the frank expressions, the cordial greetings, and the artless smiles of those with whom we have daily intercourse, so many outward manifestations of the kind sentiments cherished within? Or must we believe them the wiles of duplicity, the base subterfuge of ulterior designs? Or to say the most of it, can we harbor the thought that friendship is to vanish like the morning cloud before the orb of glory, or like the beautiful yet fragile flower, is it to be blasted by the simoon of avarice; or is it yet like the slender bark on ocean wave to be engulfed in the maelstrom of all absorbing selfishness? If it be so, why this anxiety, this longing for another in whose candor we can confide, whose sympathy may pillow our misfortunes? Does not every heart respond? There is a chord in the breast of man which vibrates in unison with his fellow, a feeling in kindred spirits which links them in heavenly unison, a joyous junction in the wedlock of souls which tells on the actions of men.

Yet if truth be not on the tongue, if virtue be not enshrined in the heart, if rectitude mark not the footsteps of men, then indeed this unison of souls can never take place. The chalice of pleasure proffered by the hand of friendship is turned into gall and into bitterness. As no man of sense ever trusts the gossip with his secrets or the spendthrift with his money, so no man of prudence or discernment ever confides in the vicious or selfish. No one is worthy of your confidence whose actions have not been characterized by candor, generosity and justice. For without these there can be no lasting attachment, no enduring friendship. An assassin or conspirator may have an accomplice, the powerful may have courtiers, the instructed associates, the voluptuous companions, but the generous, the disinterested, the virtuous, alone can have any rational hope of enjoying the rich fruition of friendship. I say the generous, for who does not condemn the parsimonious and mean; the disinterested, for it is magnanimous; it speaks the nobleness of our nature, and, I will add, it is the consummation of wisdom; and finally, the virtuous, for it shines in the sentiment expressed by England's choicest bard, when speaking of the essential requisite of a friend, that

"Every virtue of the soul
Must constitute the charming whole
All shining in their places."

The history of our race amply sustains these positions. If you turn to the venerable chronicler of the past, he will tell you that Cethegus was the accomplice of Cataline, that Maecenas was the courtier of Augustus, but that it took a Tully to be the friend of Atticus, the patriotism of a Brutus to recommend him to Cato. Let us go to the venerable man, drink inspiration, copious draughts from his wisdom learned from ex-

perience, consult his pages, for there we may trace causes to their effects, deeds to their consequences. From these let us learn a lesson. As a single instance mark the rewards attendant upon the virtue, the patriotism and the friendship of Epaminondas and Pelopidas, invincible in the field, firm and unswerving in their attachments. Mainly through this influence the dull Boetian burst asunder the chains of his bondage, and the city of Cadmus swayed the destinies of Greece. A glorious immortality rests upon their names, and the world does homage to their goodness.

From these and numerous other examples you may learn that the virtuous qualities though indispensable are not sufficient to win the wise man's confidence. It is not the part of the philosopher to confide in the stupid and ignorant however good their intentions, however much they may desire his welfare. While it is his to admire the cheerful sincerity of virtue, the invincible power of truth, and the mountain's majesty of worth, to know them from their effects, and to love them for their own sake, he equally admires that strength of mind which is necessary to distinguish between virtue and vice, truth and error, generosity and prodigality, that energy of soul which knows how to appreciate and adhere to the former, to despise and resist the allurements of the latter. He looks upon his fellow men with the eye of discernment, but not of suspicion as beings having excellence, yet through the influence of ignorance prone to err, loving goodness, yet tossed on the tempest of passion, or borne rapidly on by the swift current of the desires, liable to be engulfed in vice and misery. Imitate his example, for prudence and warmth of feeling are not incompatible. Remember that 'tis virtue and wisdom that give vitality to friendship, and that without them there can be no lasting bond of union. Then study that you may be wise and cherish every virtue of the soul that you may be worthy of a brother's confidence. Sow the seed of innocence that you may reap a peaceful and joyous harvest. Aspire after excellence, for it is manly, noble, God-like.

Before I dismiss this part of my subject, let me exhort you to cultivate friendship for its own sake, for it has an intrinsic value uncomputed, incomputable. Let none say, what care I for my brother's esteem? What is all this worth? How will it advance my interests, subserve my private ends? This is the language of delusion and folly, the breathing of a narrow soul, the effervescence of base selfishness. But let all of us ask ourselves those other questions of wisdom and of honor. What shall I do to render myself worthy of a brother's esteem? How shall I promote his interest or win his confidence? And what exertions shall I make to prove to all that I am not a mere cipher in the association to which I belong? Let each one of us ask ourselves these questions, and answer them by our actions, for they are the bodyings forth of our nobler nature, the language of a generous spirit."

The association needed one more member to make the mystical nine. He was not admitted until the vacation had passed. The record states:

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, *Thursday, October 10, 1839.*

The society met in the Erodolphian Hall. Present—Messrs. Duncan, Gordon, Marshall, Hardin, and Smith. Mr. Gordon read the essay which he had been appointed to prepare for the evening, and Mr. Hardin was appointed to prepare one for the next regular meeting. H. H. Johnson was then proposed as a gentleman possessing every qualification for membership in the Beta Theta Pi association, and all those present having expressed a wish that he should be admitted as a brother member, Mr. Gordon was selected as the most suitable person to make the proposition to the member-elect, and, in case he should accept of membership in the Beta Theta Pi, to introduce him at the next regular meeting. The society then adjourned to meet on the second Thursday of November.

JOHN H. DUNCAN, *Pres.*

JAMES G. SMITH, *Sec.*
November 14, 1839.

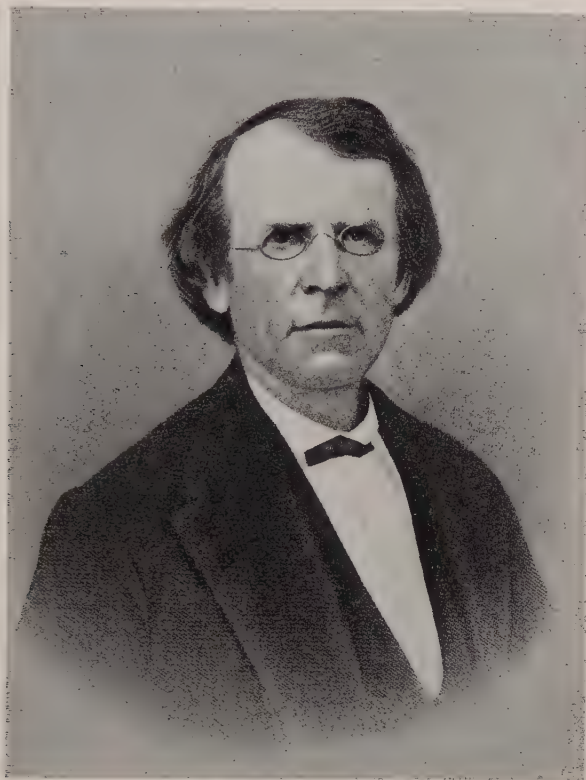
The society met in the room of H. H. Johnson. Present—Messrs. Hardin, Gordon, Duncan, Marshall, and Smith. Mr. Johnson having subscribed to the constitution, was welcomed as a brother member of the Beta Theta Pi. Mr. Hardin then read the essay which he was appointed to prepare, and Mr. Johnson was appointed to read at the next regular meeting. The members then discussed the propriety of adopting some new exercise which should increase the interest and prolong the meetings of the society, and Messrs. Smith and Johnson were appointed a committee to report a plan for consideration at the next meeting.

JOHN H. DUNCAN, *Pres.*

JAMES G. SMITH, *Sec.*

During the college year of 1839-40, the mother chapter was busily perfecting its organization. As secret societies were strictly prohibited at Miami, a little indiscretion would have caused the collapse and ruin of the infant project. A Miami correspondent of 1846 wrote of this period,

"At first the existence of the society was kept a profound secret and they used to meet after the other students had gone to bed, or in the country in some farmer's house. There is an old house about a mile from town of which it was positively



FOUNDER CHARLES H. HARDIN

affirmed in those days that it was haunted. The boys used to obtain the key from the owner who lived in town, and make their way out there, transact their business, and return after all was silent about college. It is a rich treat to hear one of the old patriarchs tell of those days. To this secrecy they ascribe their success."

The Alpha Delta Phis soon suspected the existence of a rival organization and it was not long before blackboards and blank walls in the college building began to display the "catalogue of Beta Theta Pi," placed there by the Alphas with shrewd guesses which included all the real members and occasional other ones not of the Beta family.

Even before the new fraternity was definitely organized, a little carelessness nearly caused disaster. Knox described the incident in one of his letters written in 1843:

"A circumstance occurred at this time that came near breaking up the whole affair. Taylor had foolishly enough mentioned something of the affair to a chap whom you

no doubt know by reputation, Grimke Swan, an insufferable bore and a man that I cordially detested; he was, indeed, generally disliked. He found out entirely too much about our proceedings, and was determined to be initiated or expose us. He also knew that pins had been sent for, and T. had told him that Linton and Hardin were members. To take him would be to bring a perfect incubus on the Society. I doubt, indeed, if we could have procured another member had he been brought in; and, on the other hand, were he to expose us, that also, at that time, would have been certain death. Accordingly Linton, Hardin, Marshall, and myself met in Charley's room and concluded to give a mock initiation, let him pay for a pin, and have nothing more to do with him. Taylor went and brought him in, and I got up and administered an oath to him with all the solemnity of an owl. I told him then that the Society of which he was a member had no written constitution, that we were to have no more meetings, and take no more members, etc., etc. I then gave him some advice about wearing his pin, etc., all of which he took as law and gospel. He left at the close of the session, and what became of him is more than I know."

The first badge which was designed by Marshall was made of gold without any enamel, the devices and border being raised in relief against a stippled background. The sides were straight and the badge bore a crescent. On the reverse was engraved the owner's name and a heart transfixed by an arrow. The badge was modeled on that of Alpha Delta Phi, probably the only college fraternity badge Marshall ever had seen. The Alpha Delta Phi badge then used was a straight-sided oblong of black enamel with rounded corners, bearing a green star held in the horns of a white crescent which bore the three letters. Below was the date of foundation, 1832, in gold. Marshall took the same oblong and turned the quarter circle at the corners inward. For the single large green star he substituted three smaller gold ones, and he used a small gold crescent in place of the large white one. The three letters were placed below it in a straight line and the Arabic date was improved upon by writing it in the Greek notation, using the small Alpha Omega Lambda Theta. Marshall had the first badges made in Cincinnati, in the fall of 1839.

It was intended by the founders to develop a widespread fraternity. The first step toward expansion was taken in March, 1840. A chapter was located in Cincinnati, where the rival Alpha Delta Phi had formed a branch, organized at the Cincinnati Law College. This new chapter apparently was not connected with any educational institution, although its members mostly were college men. In fact, it is doubtful whether the fraternity was intended to be confined to educational institutions at this time. It will be observed that Article 8 of the first constitution says that chapters "may be established at such places as may be thought suitable and prudent," and does not restrict their establishment to educational institutions.

The minutes of the two meetings of the Miami chapter relating to the Cincinnati extension read:

March 13, 1840.

Society met in the "Oxford Hotel." Absent—Johnson and Hamilton. As some of the members expected to visit Cincinnati during the college recess, it was deemed advisable to empower them to establish a chapter of Beta Theta Pi in that city. After considerable discussion as to the propriety of such a measure, it was finally agreed to. Messrs. Paddock, Gordon, and Hamilton were appointed on the committee to establish the chapter. This being an irregular meeting, no regular business was transacted. The society accordingly adjourned.

JOHN H. DUNCAN, *Pres.*

JAMES G. SMITH, *Sec.*

April, 1840.

The society met in the room of H. H. Johnson. Absent—Smith. Mr. Gordon delivered his inaugural address upon taking the chair as president, and Mr. Paddock read the essay which he had been appointed to prepare for the evening. Mr. Whiting

was selected to read an essay at the next regular meeting of the society. On motion, Messrs. Duncan, Marshall and Hardin were appointed a committee to report at the next meeting on a suitable plan for observing the death of any of the members of Beta Theta Pi. It was further resolved that it be left to the consideration of the members to devise a system of correspondence between the different chapters of the Beta Theta Pi which are or may hereinafter be formed; and also between the chapters and their absent members. The propriety of bringing the maker of the breastpin (the badge of membership) under obligations of secrecy was also laid over for the action of the society at the next meeting. The committee that was appointed to establish a chapter of the Beta Theta Pi society at Cincinnati reported that they "discharged the duty assigned to them, and fully succeeded in effecting the object of their appointment." There being no further business, the society adjourned.

T. B. GORDON, *Pres.*

H. H. JOHNSON, *Sec.*

The chapter referred to was established April 8, 1840. The committee's formal report, after quoting the authority conferred at the meeting of March 13, said:

"The committee appointed by the above resolution met for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the Beta Theta Pi Association in this city. Mr. Gordon took the chair and Mr. Paddock acted as secretary. The following gentlemen having accepted the tender of membership, were then duly initiated, viz.: Messrs. Henry Snow, Stephen Gano, Henry Beard, and Louis P. Harvey, after which they were addressed by the chair in some appropriate remarks upon the nature of the Association and explanatory of its objects. The chapter then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Henry Snow, president, and Stephen Gano, recorder. Adjourned to meet on the 23rd inst."

The report was signed by Thomas B. Gordon and the other two members; and it is worthy of note in passing, that, so far as is known, the participation of Founder Gordon in the establishment of the Cincinnati chapter was the only instance where any of the founders of Beta Theta Pi had any part in its physical expansion.

The May meeting was one of further planning for the future of the fraternity. Apparently, a number of things were not entirely satisfactory to the members.

May, 2nd Thursday, 1840

Society met. All the members in attendance. Mr. Whitney read the essay and Mr. Hamilton was appointed to read on the next evening. The committee that was appointed to devise a plan or suitable manner for observing the death of any of the members made a report thereon which was adopted. Messrs Smith and Hardin were appointed a committee to report on a plan of giving names to the chapters which are or may hereafter be formed; Marshall and Whitney to report a set of obligations which the Society deems prudent to bind the initiates; and Messrs Paddock and Johnson to report on a system of correspondence between the different chapters of the Beta Theta Pi, all to report at the next regular meeting. As it was the opinion of the Society that its constitution was in many respects defective, it was resolved that a committee be appointed whose duty it should be to make it their study, at the final meeting of the session to report what alterations or amendments they deemed necessary to be made. Messrs Smith, Duncan, Gordon, Marshall, and Johnson were appointed said committee. Adjourned.

H. H. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

At the June meeting, also held on the "2nd Thursday," Oliver S. Witherby of the Miami class of 1836 was elected to membership as "a graduate member" and was admitted to the chapter at a special, or semi-monthly meeting, the minutes stating, "Mr. Witherby, having heard the constitution read, signed it and became a regular member." At the meeting held on the second Thursday of July, Robert W. Wilson, David Mack, Samuel H. Powe and John Whitney were elected and on July 30th they signed the constitution

"and took their seats as regular members." That quartette brought the total membership of Alpha chapter up to seventeen, and as the Cincinnati chapter whose list is a little uncertain, had about seven members, Beta Theta Pi closed its first year with a membership of two dozen.

On the second Thursday of August, 1840, in accordance with the action taken in the first formal meeting on August 8, 1839, John Reily Knox attended the meeting of the Miami chapter and delivered the following anniversary address:

"This is a day for congratulation. This is an hour of honest pride, and this, too, is a time well fitted for the indulgence of proud and glowing hopes, of bright and beaming anticipations. Twelve months ago was held the first regular meeting of the Beta Theta Pi. On that occasion, what were the feelings of the few who there assembled in all the brightness, and all the fervor and constancy of the heart, young and fresh feelings, to erect and consecrate an altar set apart for the holy offerings of friendship! The writings inscribed by hope on the tablets of the heart were, it is true, ominous of good. The first faint glimmerings of the dawn heralded a bright morning. The bark was launched on a sunny sea, the strong tide of perseverance carried it onward, and the favoring gales of youthful determination already filled its flowing sails. And, although the budding anticipations of the youthful heart are often blasted; although the siren songs of hope are even more deceitful than the promises of the sunny dawn; although the bark is oftentimes foundered ere it is yet clear of the harbor, yet prosperity has attended our every effort, our utmost expectations have been more than realized, and every additional day has only tended to draw closer, to clasp firmer the silver link, the silken tie that binds all loving hearts together.

One year of our existence as a society has passed away. The sailor, when he has left the shore and struck out boldly into the unknown deep, seeks every opportunity of taking his bearings and of ascertaining his latitude and departure. Let us at this time imitate his prudence and look for a few moments at our present position. It is a favorable one. The Rubicon is passed. We are steering on the ocean of experiment. The wide sea of the future is before us. A rocky coast is in our front whose havens we know not and whose ports are not on our charts, without a friendly light house on its headland or a beacon to warn us of its hidden shoals.

The history of the Beta Theta Pi is but a part of the history of similar institutions. By reference to their annals we may discover the causes of our past prosperity and gather wisdom for our future guidance.

Combinations of individuals for mutual instruction, for mutual assistance, and for the cultivation of the friendly feelings are as old as the wants of man and coeval with the growth of literature. Traces of them may be found in the annals of almost every nation. Of this kind were the priesthood of Egypt and the Magi of Persia, the Jewish Santi and the British Druids. Even during the darkest and most gloomy periods of the Middle Ages traces of them may be observed, and it was through them that the literature of the ancient world was in part preserved. Chivalry had its origin in an association of individuals secretly combined to assist each other, and to befriend everyone who knew and acknowledged the secrets of their order. And when the institution of chivalry had spread itself throughout the whole of Europe, and its devotees had become so numerous that the original objects were forgotten, minor associations were formed who acted in secret and who were bound to each other by the strongest cords of faith and fellowship. Holy men (misguided in their faith, it is true) bound themselves together by vows which were never broken and pursued the great objects of their associations with an energy that never tired, with a zeal that knew not self, and with a devotedness that never counted gold. The lamp which burned in secret burned even on that account the more brightly. And when the curtain of ignorance and superstition was withdrawn, the light which burst on the eyes of the bewildered beholders startled all Europe with its brilliancy, and men learned to revere the character of those men who had opened the hitherto sealed book of Nature and read to them the contents of these mysterious pages. With the history and names of many of these we are all familiar. Among the most remarkable was the order of Jesuits. The energy with which they pursued all the objects, the devotedness with which they sacrificed property, talents, life itself, everything which man holds most dear, to the great ends of their institution raised them from obscurity to be the scourge of kings and the dread of Europe. But their pride and ambition at length worked their

downfall. Nations became jealous of their power, and by united efforts they were put down. Their fall was probably merited, but they died hard, fighting it out to the last.

But probably the most celebrated of this species of association is the well known far famed society of Free Masons. The origin of this association is unknown. Their own account, tracing it back to the building of Solomon's temple, was, of course, fabulous. In all probability it was very obscure. But however that be, it grew with time and spread with civilization until its members were found in every country and of every clime. Men were found in its lodges from all the ranks of life, and of all varieties of talent and attainment. Kings have been its Grand Masters and beggars have attained to its highest honors. Whether it has ever been of great and general benefit may be doubted. It has been, no doubt, perverted to evil, but it has been more uniformly productive of good. The necessity of its existence in this country is very questionable. The effect which may be produced upon the community by the united action of so large and miscellaneous a body of men might, if improperly exerted, be very injurious. As a natural consequence of the number of its members some will be admitted, bad and reckless men, who, when separate from each other, will individually be impotent to the accomplishment of any great evil, but there are few things which a united body of desperate and energetic men cannot accomplish. Its decline cannot, therefore, under existing circumstances be a matter of regret.

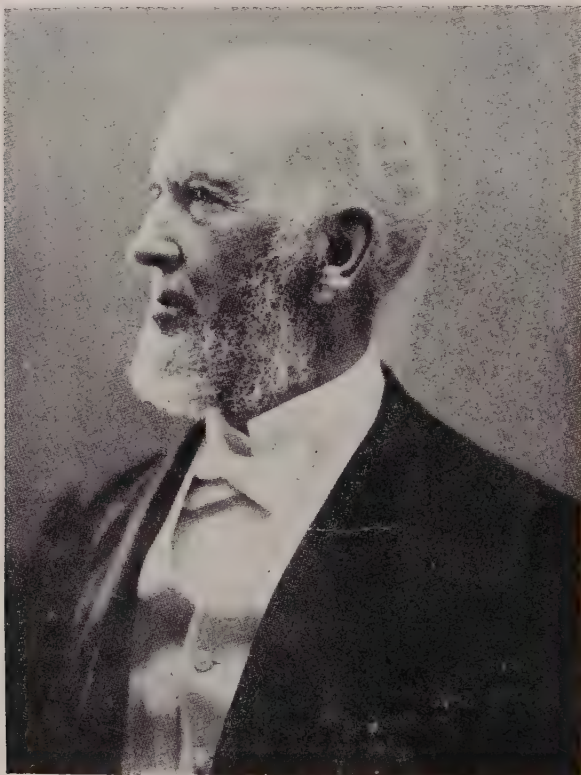
The great ends of those secret societies which have in one way or other had their influence on the destiny of nations have been accomplished in ways as various as their objects were different. They have been composed, some of them, of soldiers who fought only for the aggrandizement of their order; sometimes of monks who labored day after day and year after year, "from morn till night, from youth to hoary age," in one cause and for one object. Again, we find statesmen bound together by an oath of secrecy to bend all their exertions upon one point and never slack in their aid until that object was attained. Revolutions have been accomplished and despots dethroned by the more energetic action of a small but daring association. The great secret of their success consisted not in numbers but in union, not in great strength, but in active, well directed and simultaneous exertions; not in the power and dignity of their members, but in the single-heartedness of their zeal and the untiring ardor of their devotion. They knew that what a few men united in heart and hand willed to do could be done. In the vocabulary of their order there was no such word as "fail." They recognized the principle of the Corsican's success. "Impossible" was a word to them unknown.

It may, however, be doubted whether secret associations having a political object are consistent with our liberal institutions. The father of his country, George Washington, in his farewell address to the American people, thus warns his countrymen against such societies: "However combinations or associations of the above description may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion." The wisdom of these observations has never been doubted by the patriotic statesmen of our country. And in one instance the American people have shown themselves true to the advice of Washington. The secret combination of Burr and other distinguished individuals brought about his political death. They, the people, asked not "Were his designs traitorous?" but "Were the means which he used dangerous to the liberties of his country?" They were, and his political doom was sealed. Though we may lament the loss of his great talents and political sagacity in the administration of the government, yet the doom which the people pronounced against the political course of Aaron Burr was not an unjust one, and his fate stands upon record a solemn warning to intriguing and designing men. The time was, indeed, when in the estimation of the people of America the name of "Arnold," the apostate, was the only one which exceeded that of "Burr" in infamy.

Let us now see, my friends, wherein consists the difference between those associations to which I have alluded and the Beta Theta Pi. In the first place, the great objection urged to secret combinations by Washington is in no way applicable to us. We have no political objects in view. Nothing can be more the reverse. Next to the cultivation of the friendly feelings, the advancement of science and literature is the mainspring of our exertions. As citizens, we go forth in the common cause of our country, every man to the polls to forward inasmuch as seems to him fit the success of his own candidate. That is between him and his country, his conscience and his God.

With that, as a society, we must, we can have nothing to do. But when we come together as members of the Beta Theta Pi, all political differences are dropped—all our political feelings are forgotten. We are no longer politicians, but friends; no longer candidates, but brothers, and we are ready to give the "All Hail" of welcome, the open hand of friendship, to all who wear the badge and bear the name of Beta Theta Pi.

Our limited number I conceive to be another distinction, and a very important one, between our own and other, in some respects similar, associations. The objection which



PATER KNOX

As he looked in his later years.

has been urged to the Masonic and other similar institutions, that the greatness of their numbers renders them, when well united, too powerful a body to exist separate and distinct in the bosom of a community, is one that can never apply to us. It was, on the part of the monarchs of Europe, the fear of this power that influenced them to overthrow the order of Jesuits. And in this country, but a short time ago, on occasion of the abduction of Morgan, the whole country was alarmed, and for a time to be a "Free Mason" was, in the estimation of many, to be little better than a murderer. The necessity of this fear had in all probability no existence save in the excited imaginations of the people. Yet it served to show in startling colors the jealousy of the popular feeling on this subject. This fear can be engendered in the minds of the mass when they discover a great body existing in their midst, linked together by uncommon ties in the pursuit of objects, which they conceive to be calculated to produce effects injurious to the public safety or encroaching on popular liberty.

On this subject, then, is the Beta Theta Pi in no way liable to censure. In connection, however, with this subject suffer me to advert to another advantage connected

with our limited number. Our members, as they can never be numerous, may be much more select. No one should be admitted within our pale whose character we know not, or whose principles are such as should render him an unsafe companion. By pursuing this course, the great objects of our association will be carried out, and we may be assured that the advantages which it affords will never be perverted to evil.

Having thus, my friends, endeavored to show in what respects the Beta Theta Pi is less liable to censure than other, in some respects similar, associations, permit me for a few moments to advert to a most pleasing theme—the advantages connected with such institutions as ours. Friendship has been a theme of eulogy with poets, and a subject of skepticism among metaphysicians for centuries. The sad and gloomy misanthrope is ever ready to repeat the expression of Goldsmith's Hermit:

"Ah! what is friendship but a name;
A charm that lulls to sleep;
A shade that follows wealth or fame,
And leaves the wretch to weep."

While the bright and glowing heart of youth is ready with the author of the Night Thoughts to speak of it as the "wine of life," or with the imaginative Greek to erect altars and sacrifice to it as to a god, the ardent and affectionate Pollock speaks of the friends with whom he had

"Talked the speech and ate the food of Heaven,
Companions of his young desires
Joy in his grief, his second bliss in joy."

in the warmest terms with which fancy can robe words.

Coleridge, that curious mixture of imagination and metaphysics, in speaking of those now enemies

"Who had been friends in youth,"

tells us that

"Whispering tongues can poison truth;
And constancy lives in realms above;
And life is thorny, and youth is vain;
And to be wroth with one we love
Doth work like madness in the brain."

Many mis-called philosophers of the selfish school have even doubted the reality of such a sentiment. To which shall we attach the most credence? Which shall we rather credit, the stamp of the metaphysician, or the imaginative ardor of the poet? Shall we members of the Beta Theta Pi doubt the existence of such a feeling? Shall we, many of whom have spent years with each other, reciprocating every feeling, whose hearts have beat in unison, and whose tastes have run in the same channel, shall we doubt the existence of such friendship of the purest and most disinterested kind in the mind of him, the almost brother, with whom we have for years grown together side by side like two plants by a river, drawing life from the same fountain and strength from the same sun, who has smoothed our couch in sickness, stood by our side in the hour of danger, walked with us the paths of learning, trod with us the heights of knowledge, shared our gladness, alleviated our melancholy, and who stands ready to lay down his life for ours; shall we doubt his friendship, shall we turn upon him and say, with the cold skepticism of the epicurean, "It is naught but selfishness which has prompted thee to all this?" What heart would not spurn such a thought! Rather than have such a one for a friend, rather than take to my bosom so cold and selfish a companion, though he could ascend in thought to the noblest works of God, though he had followed the sun in his track, or could trace the burning and eccentric course of the comet through the wide fields of illimitable space, though he had followed the stars as they walked in their nightly procession through the halls of the sky, though he

"To the music of the rolling spheres
Intelligently listened; and gazed far back
Into the awful depths of Deity."

yet would I rather for my friend choose him who,

"The word philosophy had never heard,
Who thought the silver moon

That nightly o'er him led her virgin host
No broader than his father's shield,"

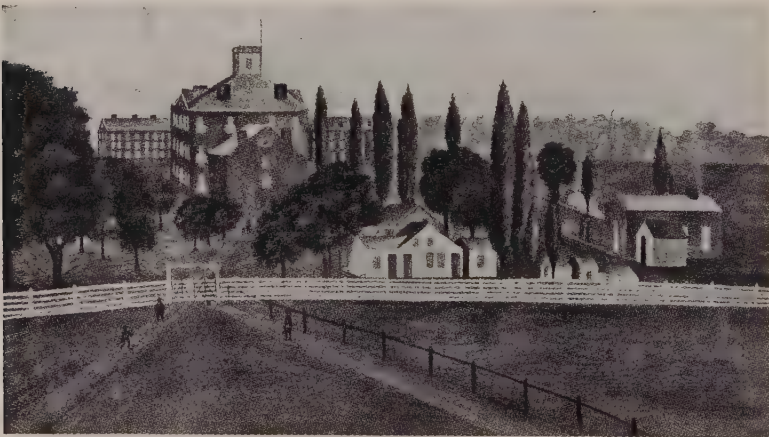
so only his heart could appreciate that "flower of heavenly seed."

How, then, are we to obtain this, earth's most Hyblæan bliss? Dr. Young tells:

"Love and love only is the loan for love
Lorenzo, pride repress, nor hope to find
A friend but what has found a friend in thee."

Here, then is the secret, "Nor hope to find a friend but what has found a friend in thee." Let only the members of the Beta Theta Pi repose in each other confidence unlimited (in accordance with the vows which we have taken) and I, for my part, ask no other security. This is a confidence which gold cannot buy, and without which a monarch must be miserable except his heart be cast in that iron mould that seeks not for sympathy and asks not for love. Let each member be as ready to assist as he would wish the brother to be of whom in the hour of need he would ask assistance. Thus one may be to the other as a brother and the name of Beta Theta Pi become the Shibboleth of love. How apt in this place is the advice of old Polonius to his son, "The friends thou hast and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

This, I said, is a day for congratulation. This is the first anniversary of the foundation of our institution. Already are some of our members scattered abroad. A sister association, or rather our own society, another self, is found in the Queen City of the Glorious West. Soon another band of classmates will leave their Alma Mater for the exciting scenes and conflicting interests of men. Among them will go a few who wear the badge and bear the name of Beta Theta Pi. They will bear our principles, our motto and our badge to the utmost bounds of our great republic. And proud I am to think that they will bear them honorably and nobly. Neither can I resist the conviction that the world will yet learn the names of some, even of this small band. Let this day, then, ever be remembered as one of rejoicing. And when our numbers are scattered throughout the whole country, on this day, from the North to the South, from the East to the West, from the Gulf to the Lakes, from ocean to ocean, wherever one of us is found, wherever our members may be scattered, on this day will they assemble together and keep it as a day for rejoicing, a day of hallowed recollections, a day sacred to the past, a day memorable in the future, a day for the outpouring and commingling of their generous and friendly hearts, a day of pleasure to themselves, a day of honor to the Beta Theta Pi.



CHAPTER II

TO THE END OF THE FIRST DECADE

The year 1841 was marked by much activity in expansion. On March 9, 1841, John Whitney of Miami, writing to Thomas G. Mitchell of the Cincinnati chapter an account of the badge just determined on, enclosed the following note, addressed "To the Members of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi," which read:

"We, the undersigned, have been appointed a committee on the part of the Miami chapter of Beta Theta Pi to confer with you relating to the establishment of a chapter of our association at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa. The location is thought to be an excellent one from all the information that we can obtain. The object will be accomplished through the agency of H. H. Johnson, a graduate member of this chapter who now resides at Pittsburgh, a short distance from Canonsburg. You will please act upon this and the other measures which we have communicated as soon as possible and forward us the result of your deliberations.

JOHN WHITNEY
JOHN OGIE
DAVID MACK
Committee

Nothing came of this proposition, but the new Cincinnati chapter, proud of its position and eager to exercise its privileges, immediately took up the work of spreading the fraternity. Lewis P. Harvey, who afterwards became governor of Wisconsin, during the summer of 1841 entered into correspondence with a local society called the "Boannergians," at Western Reserve College, Hudson, Ohio, and it became a chapter of Beta Theta Pi, August 9, 1841. It was a hurried job, and some years were required to get the chapter into the shape desired for the fraternity. As late as June 6, 1846, a Western Reserve recorder wrote:

"The chapter here feels a great anxiety in regard to the manner of establishing new chapters. We think that due discrimination and caution are not at all times exercised. It will be recollected that the chapter here was formed rather hastily, and in consequence of that haste we suffer even now."

As a matter of fact the Boannergians or "sons of thunder" were twelve students "some wild, some steady, but all independent in thought and action," who associated themselves together "for mutual protection and the more effectually to combat an illiberal, bigoted spirit" that prevailed at that time in the college. They were not Beta type. One or two were members of Alpha Delta Phi and soon withdrew from Beta Theta Pi. Some of the "wild" ones were expelled before the new chapter could get firmly established.

Henry Beard, whose home was in Zanesville, Ohio, knew two Zanesville boys who were students at Ohio University at Athens, Charles C. Gilbert and John C. Culbertson. He enlisted their interest and, as a result, he was able, not long afterward, to report to Stanley Matthews, of the Cincinnati chapter, that he had established a chapter in Ohio University on Tuesday, November 9, 1841:

"On Tuesday last I had the pleasure of initiating into our Order, in that manner in which the constitution seemed to point out, three worthy young men. They met me in the hall of the Philomathesian Society. The constitution and the obligations

attending it were read to them, to which they all gave their cordial consent. Their names are Charles C. Gilbert, Jr. and John Culbertson of Zanesville, of the Athenian Hall, and Ripley C. Hoffman of Jackson, Ohio, of the Philomathesian Hall, all of the present Junior Class. After a few remarks they organized themselves into a chapter by electing C. C. Gilbert president and R. C. Hoffman recorder and adjourned until Saturday at two o'clock. I left with them a copy of the constitution sent me by T. G. Mitchell when recorder for our chapter and a letter of authority, etc., from T. S. Matthews."

In the meantime, the mother chapter was not idle, as the minutes of the meetings of July 14 and July 27 show:

July 14, 1841

On motion, Messrs. Hamilton and Martin were authorized, with the consent of the Cincinnati chapter, to establish a branch of this association at Danville, Kentucky.

On motion, a chapter of this society was ordered to be established at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Whitney and Powe were appointed to take measures for its establishment.

July 27, 1841

Society met. The president, Mr. Powe, being absent, Mr. Martin was called to the chair. Mr. Berry, elected last evening, was then initiated. Mr. Harbine read his essay. On motion, this chapter resolved (provided the Cincinnati chapter consent) to establish chapters of the Beta Theta Pi association at the following places; viz., at Lexington, Kentucky (Martin, Berry and Collins, committee), at St. Louis, (Hardin, committee), at Dickinson College, and at William and Mary College (Harbine, Collins and McCleary, committee).

On motion, McCleary, Collins and Harbine were appointed to procure a place of assemblage for our anniversary celebration. On motion, McCleary, Harbine and Collins were appointed a committee of vigilance to watch over the interests of the society. Society adjourned.

T. A. POWE, *Pres.*

JAMES LONG, *Sec.*

The only one of these projects to be realized was the one at Lexington, Kentucky. A chapter was established on Monday, January 31, 1842, in the then famous Transylvania University Law School, by Thomas G. Mitchell, of the Cincinnati chapter, who initiated Thomas M. Kane, of Louisville; Daniel Breck, Jr., of Richmond, Kentucky, and Samuel R. Bullock, of Lexington. They organized as a chapter by making Kane president and Breck recorder and adopting some by-laws, and then proceeded to elect to membership two other students, Alexander H. Robertson and Benjamin Rush Mitchell, the former valedictorian in the law school and the latter valedictorian in the medical school.

The minutes of the Miami chapter, held February 8, 1842, contain the record: "The recorder then read Mr. Mitchell's letter bearing the date of February 3, announcing the establishment of a chapter at Lexington, Kentucky." This entry is also noticeable from the fact that in it, for the first time in the records of the Alpha chapter, the secretary is called the *recorder*, though the title was used by the Cincinnati chapter in November, 1841. This term was in use for many years thereafter.

This was another case of hasty expansion, the chapter had but twenty-one members, and its condition usually was weak, owing to the fact that it was in a professional school having a course of study of short duration. In 1843, George Hoadly, Western Reserve, '44, visited Lexington, and made a report upon the chapter, as follows:

I also visited Lexington, Kentucky, and there I met with the Transylvania chapter, embodied in the person of Mr. S. R. Bullock. Mr. A. H. Robertson, the only other resident member, had gone to Baltimore. Mr. Bullock informed me that such was the condition of the Lexington Law School, that it was judged inexpedient to admit members and hold meetings, and it has consequently been lifeless for some

time. He, however, promised, if possible, to engraft that chapter upon the college department of the university, which is now in excellent condition, instead of continuing in the fluctuating law school.

The promise was not fulfilled, however, and the Transylvania chapter lived only five years.

The parent chapter, too, was having trouble. James Samuel Hibben, one of its members, wished to withdraw, probably, as later developments showed, in order to join Alpha Delta Phi. But now that more than one chapter had to be consulted the procedure was not so easy. The following minutes of the chapter show how the difficulty was met:



THOMAS BOSTON GORDON

A Founder of the Fraternity, as he looked in 1839 (left) and in 1850 (right).

Wednesday, March 3, 1842

Called meeting. Blackburn absent. The recorder read Mr. Hibbins' letter of withdrawal from our association. Mr. McCleary moved "that the chapter release Mr. Hibbins from all obligations save that of secrecy." After considerable debate, the whole matter was postponed till the ensuing morning.

JOHN A. COLLINS, *Recorder*

Wednesday, March 12, 1842

Chapter met. McLeary absent. Minutes were read and approved. Messrs. Berry and Stevens read essays. Mr. Blackburn was excused. Mr. Hamilton moved the following resolution: "That we debar J. S. Hibbins from the duties and privileges of this chapter, but that it is the sense of this chapter that it is beyond our power to exclude any member from the obligations and vows of the whole association."

This being the regular night for the election of officers, the society entered into an election, which resulted in the choice of John J. Berry as president, and A. W. Hamilton as recorder after which the chapter adjourned.

JOHN ARMSTRONG COLLINS, *Recorder*

As a result of the Hibben case, the obligations of an initiate were increased by one which provided that if for any reason membership of an individual terminated he would never disclose anything of the nature, objects or business of the association. Contemporary indications were that Hibben did not have the high sense of honor which would suggest silence regarding the ideals and activities of his former associates.

The Ohio and Western Reserve chapters caught the expansion fever. On February 7, 1842, Ripley C. Hoffman wrote from Athens to T. Stanley Mathews:

"I was directed at the last meeting of the chapter to suggest to the Cincinnati chapter (as I have already done to the Oxford chapter) the propriety of starting a chapter at Granville and also at Marietta."

and on March 25, 1842, T. M. Oviatt of Western Reserve wrote Alexander Paddack at Cincinnati:

"An opportunity presents itself to us of forming a chapter at Kenyon College, O. With your concurrence and assistance it may be done. We have deemed it policy to continue extending our chapters as fast as circumstances permit. It will add strength and interest."

During the early part of the year 1842 Thomas Harbine, of Miami, made an effort to establish a chapter at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, through a former acquaintance at Miami. Luckily he was unsuccessful, for when, a little later, Rodney Mason, of Springfield, Ohio, transferred from Miami to Jefferson and started a chapter on June 1, 1842, he wrote,

"I have found out the one to whom Harbine wrote on the subject, and I most heartily rejoice that he was unsuccessful, as this one is entirely unfit to be one of us. However, he was very intimate with Tom, having roomed with him for some time."

The freedom from red tape which attended pioneers in their work of the fraternity is shown by the letter from Rodney Mason to the Miami chapter, announcing the formation of this chapter. It reads:

CANONSBURG, June 2, 1842

My Dear Friend: Yours of the twenty-fifth, as also Hamilton's of the same date, was received several days since, and in compliance with the instructions of the society I proceeded immediately to make preparations for the establishment of a chapter, and accordingly spoke in regard to the probable success of an institution similar to ours to the gentleman mentioned in my last. He thought that such a thing could be successfully established in this college. Upon my then telling our intention, and desiring his co-operation, he readily entered into the spirit of it, and immediately spoke to two of the most promising members of the Senior class, and also to two of the Juniors, who consented to give their influence in our favor. Deeming this to be a sufficient number for commencing operations, we last night organized "the Jefferson chapter of the Beta Theta Pi," which dates from June 1, 1842, the members present being Ulysses Mercur, Towanda, Pennsylvania; A. W. Hendricks, Madison, Indiana; W. M. Houston, Lowell, Ohio, and myself.

A letter from Ulysses Mercur, dated July 15, 1842, and addressed to Alexander Paddack at Cincinnati, supplements Mason's by noting the presence also at the installation meeting of Isaac S. McMicken and the choice of McMicken for president and himself for recorder. He reported the initiation on June 22 of five additional members.

The Jefferson chapter was the first fraternity chapter established in Pennsylvania, and has had an unbroken existence until the present day. It is our oldest continuous chapter.

The Cincinnati chapter not only took interest in expansion of the association but it also gave a good deal of time and thought to the constitution. In a letter to John Reily Knox, January 17, 1841, Charles Henry Hardin wrote:

"On last Wednesday we met as usual, and for the third time adopted a constitution with amendments from our friends, the Cincinnati chapter. They were generally good suggestions, and, of course, were readily accepted. They made other suggestions, incidentally, which we, in a free discussion through respect to them, like to have made a matter of interest. They were broad and deep innovations which our older and graduated members would, I am certain, have startled at. For instance, to change

the name and blessed sound of Beta, Theta, Pi into that ugly and crooked title, Pi, Theta, Kappa. This, though not urged warmly, was most warmly rejected. A second instance, giving unlimited members to chapters or an extension from nine to fifteen. I was fearful that this proposition would take; but when I told them of the opinion of those who formed and modeled the old constitution, it, too, was almost unanimously voted down. Your opinion which I remembered, fell upon them like the revered advice of a father, and, though they like the independent exercise of their own volition, yet they yielded willingly to the respected legacy of the founders of the constitution and association."

The first triennial convention of the association was held at Cincinnati, August 15, 1842, Thomas G. Mitchell, Cincinnati, '40, being chosen president. Delegates were present from Miami, Cincinnati, Western Reserve, and Ohio chapters, and a letter making concrete suggestions, was received from the new chapter at Jefferson. Transylvania was not represented in any way. The convention extended over two days, meeting in morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Several mooted points were thoroughly discussed. The subject of resignations and expulsions was treated; the crescent on the badge was changed to a wreath and diamond; a seal was adopted; and it was decided that the existence of a chapter should remain secret if so desired. All the legislation was put into the form of amendments to the constitution and no distinction seems to have been perceived between constitutional enactment and statute law. The provisions of the amended constitution, where they differ materially from the former one, are as follows:

ARTICLE 3, SECTION 1. The visible badge of this association shall be a breastpin, the front of which shall be black enamel, bearing, *first*, three stars in gold . . . ; *second*, a diamond, encircled by a wreath in gold . . . ; *third*, the name of the association in gold; *fourth*, the date of its foundation in Greek characters and in gold. On the back, two hands clasped, . . . the name of the member who wears it, and the date of the chapter to which he belongs.

SEC. 3. No chapter or member of this association shall reveal anything in regard to it, more than its existence; and no chapter shall reveal even the existence of another chapter without its consent.

ART. 4, SEC. 2. No person a member of any similar association shall be eligible to membership in this; and no member of this association shall be eligible to membership in any other association of similar object.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of each chapter semi-annually to make out a list of its members, a statement of its condition and prospects, and of such other matters as may seem advisable, and to transmit a copy of the same to every chapter of the association.

ART. 7. Each chapter shall celebrate the anniversary of its foundation by the delivery of an oration, and such other exercises as may be deemed suitable.

ART. 9. This association shall have a seal, to be stamped upon the seals of letters, the impression upon which shall be two clasped hands and a Greek letter indicating the priority of the chapter.

ART. 10, SEC. 1. There shall be a triennial convention of delegates from all the chapters, each chapter sending as many representatives as it may deem proper; but the delegation from a single chapter having but one vote in the convention.

SEC. 3. The proceedings of this convention shall be valid, unless disapproved of by one-third of the chapters within four months after the final adjournment of the convention.

ART. 11. This constitution shall not be altered or amended except by the triennial convention; and shall be sovereign authority in all cases for which it provides; but each chapter shall make its own by-laws and such other regulations as may be necessary, provided that they conflict with no articles in the constitution.

This convention also considered the subject of establishing a fraternity periodical, and B. F. Millard, of Western Reserve offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this association establish a periodical, to be published monthly at _____, and to be sustained by contributions of literary matter from all of its members.

The minutes read, "After a warm and animated discussion the resolution was withdrawn," but the project was not allowed to die, and A. W. Hamilton, of Miami, John C. Zachos, of Cincinnati, and B. F. Millard, of Western Reserve, were appointed a committee to report upon the subject to the next convention. The convention then adjourned to meet in 1845.

The provision in Article 9 for a Greek letter indicating the priority of the chapter marked the beginning of the system of naming the chapters by Greek letters in the order of their establishment, and the roll as thus designated was as follows: Alpha, Miami; Beta, Cincinnati; Gamma, Western Reserve; Delta, Ohio University; Epsilon, Transylvania; Zeta, Jefferson. The first constitution prescribed that chapters should be established at such "places" as might be thought suitable, and the convention amended the constitution to read:

ART. 2. This association shall be composed of chapters established in such places as may be deemed expedient by three-fourths of the existing chapters, which shall be named from their *location*, and possess concurrent powers.

And the chapters were referred to almost exclusively by localities; for instance, not the Miami chapter, but the Oxford chapter; not the Ohio University chapter, but the Athens chapter; not the Western Reserve chapter, but the Hudson chapter; not the Transylvania chapter, but the Lexington chapter.

During the remainder of the year 1842, little was done in the way of extension. In the Miami record book, we find this entry under date of July 16, 1842: "At the suggestion of the Cincinnati chapter, power was granted to the Jefferson chapter to establish a chapter at Dickinson College, Pennsylvania." On November 17, 1843, Joseph R. Wilson, recorder at Jefferson, reported to Miami, "At Dickinson no movement has been made for establishing a chapter. An opportunity has not yet offered itself."

In the spring of 1843, A. W. Hamilton, who had been one of the most active members of the parent chapter, entered the Harvard Law School, and sought authority to establish a chapter at Harvard. The Miami chapter granted his request, and gave him a roving commission to form college chapters almost anywhere, the minutes of the meeting being as follows:

Monday Evening, May 15, 1843.

The secretary informed the chapter that he had transmitted a copy of the constitution to Mr. A. W. Hamilton, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, with discretionary power to form branches of the association at such places as he shall deem proper, provided that they be in connection with some permanent literary institution. On motion, this act of the recorder was sanctioned and approved by the society.

In acknowledging this letter transmitting the constitution and granting him such sweeping authority, Hamilton wrote to E. B. Stevens:

"If a chapter is established here it should be on a very elevated scale or not at all. This, it is true, should be the character of every chapter; but especially of all the chapters in these Eastern colleges. And, if I establish any, be assured that they shall be of that character if I am any judge. I shall wait until I get my authority from the different chapters through you. This will be the most judicious way to proceed; and when you write to the chapters, requesting this authority, you had better get the power for the Miami chapter and not for me or any other person; and then, if I should not succeed, you can delegate it to any one else; but you see, if the power is not for me, no other person can exercise it. One word on the

subject of "discretionary power." You have misunderstood me in supposing that I think your chapter or any other one could give me such power without the consent of other existing chapters."

So the other chapters were asked to sanction this action, the record of the meeting of June 8, 1843 showing:

Letters were read from Mr. Hamilton, reporting the prospects at Cambridge, and from the Jefferson chapter, announcing that power was granted the Miami chapter to found a branch at Cambridge.

Hamilton wrote on June 23 that the Athens and Cincinnati chapters had given him the authority. On September 9, 1843, he wrote Stevens at Miami that he had organized a chapter on September 5 "under the title of the Harvard chapter." Its members were P. E. Aldrich, of Tappahannock, Virginia; William Baker, of Norwalk, Ohio; John G. Marvin, of Towanda, Pennsylvania; Charles S. McRae, of Pascagoula Bay, Mississippi, and William W. Peck, of Burlington, Vermont. All were students in the law school and McRae was made first recorder. Under the Greek nomenclature, it was the Eta chapter.

The same autumn, William M. Scott, Jefferson, '41, entered Princeton Theological Seminary, and secured authority to establish a chapter at Princeton, which was done November 2, 1843. Its organization was announced to the Miami chapter in the following letter:

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, *January 25, 1844*

I doubt not you are wondering what has become of the Princeton chapter of the Beta Theta Pi. . . . The authority reached me near the close of last session, and I selected three to initiate at first, and designed to bring them in before the close of the session, but . . . it was postponed. . . . The chapter was formed on the first Thursday in November, by the admission of those three (November 2, 1843). . . . Our greatest difficulty arises from the jealousy of the members of the two literary societies, which requires the utmost caution in approaching the members of either and giving us the assurance that if they were made aware of the existence of the institution, by any rash or false step, they would unite to put it down. We are not afraid of this, but we know also that nothing but "Greek" prudence and Greek fidelity can secure us from it. . . . Although we are not yet able to present you with a long list of names, we can assure you of honest and warm hearts. We flatter ourselves that we shall eventually be able to secure all we desire in regard to members; but we need not tell you this is our object. We hope to have it to say that no one hails from the Princeton chapter who shall not be "worthy to wear the badge and bear the name."

WM. M. SCOTT

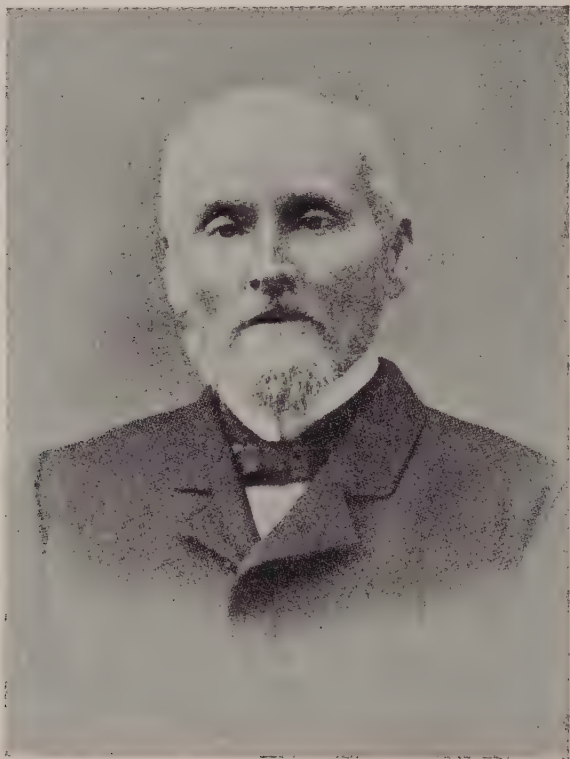
This was another hasty and ill-considered charter grant. The atmosphere was unfriendly. It was the first fraternity chapter at Princeton, and, within three years, it was dead owing to the anti-fraternity sentiment prevailing on the campus. It initiated twenty-six members, men of unusual attainments, including Prof. Charles W. Shields, the eminent theologian, and Nathaniel C. Burt, whose descriptive book on Palestine called "The Land and Its Story," was long a household favorite. The chapter was called Theta.

The year 1843 appears to be the first one, at least so far as letters which have been preserved show, when the expression "Greek" was used to designate a member of Beta Theta Pi. The evidence seems to indicate it as a Jefferson invention. It was purely classical, a bit of sentiment out of the class-room. Some years later, July 28, 1846, George W. Clark of Jefferson wrote to John S. Newberry of Michigan, regarding some information the latter had sent:

"If you imagine us here actuated by the real 'Beta,' or as we say, 'Grecian spirit,' then you are prepared to judge for yourselves how much we glory in such news. We call ourselves 'Greeks' and all others barbarians.'"

In exactly the same spirit Milton S. Latham of Jefferson wrote to Charles W. Gilmore of Miami on November 21, 1844; telling of recent initiates,

"They had been elevated to the proud rank of a Greek and cast off the old title of barbarian. The change brought them into a purer atmosphere and they embraced our cause heart and hand."



THOMAS BOSTON GORDON

As he looked in his later years.

The minutes of the chapter at Jefferson and the later ones of Washington and Jefferson abound in Homeric references, such as to "well-greaved Greeks," "high-souled Greeks" and the like. They designated their president as "basileus." In later years, when other fraternities began to call themselves "Greeks" also, the Beta form of expression became "true Greeks," and this has remained in the songs of the fraternity. It is clearly evident that the pioneer Betas, following the classical analogy, counted everyone outside their ranks "barbarians," whether belonging to rival organizations or not; and it is further evident that, in the initial stages of the fraternity, there was not the bitter sting to the word "barbarian" which afterwards attended it, particularly in the shortened form "barb."

The year 1844 was uneventful, except that the Harvard chapter did not meet the expectations of its founder, though the charter members were reinforced by the presence in the law school of George Hoadly, of Western Reserve. On his arrival at Cambridge in the fall of 1844, he found that the chapter had ceased to meet. He consulted with McRae and Marvin, two of its members, and advised the course of procedure indicated in the following letter he sent to the Miami chapter:

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, *December 4, 1844*

At a meeting of the Harvard chapter, held November 29, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the name of Eta, or *Harvard* chapter, be changed to *Yale*.

Resolved, That Mr. William H. Upson, of the Yale Law School, a Beta of the Hudson chapter; Mr. William B. Woods, of the same chapter, and Mr. John Coon, of the Athens chapter, members of Yale College, be admitted to the chapter, and be constituted a quorum, with power to admit members, and to do other business.

Resolved, That the recorder be instructed to write to the other chapters, requesting their assent to the proposed change.

Our object, as you will readily perceive, is to change the location of this chapter to Yale College. This we perceive may be done constitutionally without consulting the other chapters, but we feel that on this point a reasonable doubt may be entertained, and we think it at least a debt of courtesy to consult our brethren before making so important a change. If this be not done, with the close of this year the Eta chapter must die. We can go no further. The chapter was established under flattering auspices, but not three months elapsed after its inauguration before the sky was black and lowering. There are in the Harvard Law School 165 students, yet, strange to say, out of this number there is not one whom we could admit without violating expressed provisions of our consciences and our constitution. Our consciences provide that Betas should be choice spirits and hale fellows well met, and, by this, one-half of the school is excluded. Our constitution provides that Betas should "belong to no similar association," and this excludes the other half. Every young man of talent is a member of some similar society in his *alma mater*, and from them we are excluded by our constitution from making selections. What, then, shall we do? There are at Yale College three Betas, one in the law school, one in the Sophomore, and one in the Senior class. There are two societies there that would prove rivals to the Beta Theta Pi; namely, the Alpha Delta Phi and the Psi Upsilon. By making now a judicious selection from the Sophomore class, the Beta Theta Pi can be placed on the same platform with them. The proposal has been made, and a goodly number of the most talented and influential of the Sophomore class are ready to join the Beta brotherhood.

William B. Woods, mentioned above, was quoted by John Newberry, of Western Reserve, in a letter to the Miami chapter on November 27, 1844, as wishing authority to establish a chapter at Yale and as saying "some fifteen of the finest fellows of the Sophomore class will join us." Of this William Raimond Baird once wrote:

"It was long a tradition in the fraternity that this group of men referred to by William B. Woods was the same set of students who founded the fraternity of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Such may have been the case. Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded in the spring of 1844 while this communication was written in the fall; but it may have referred to events which occurred in the spring. The real reason why Beta Theta Pi did not enter Yale at this time is that John Coon, a member of the chapter at Athens, Ohio, was persuaded to join Psi Upsilon, and that desertion took the heart out of the group. That some of the men afterwards may have gone into Delta Kappa Epsilon seems quite likely."

The chapters did not act promptly on the Hoadly letter, although the Miami chapter gave the permission sought, as is evidenced by the following minute:

December 18, 1844

Called meeting. Chapter met in Mr. Herron's room. A letter received from the Eta chapter at Cambridge, proposing to change the chapter to Yale, was read. On motion, permission was granted to do so.

The Harvard chapter ceased to exist with the advent of 1845 but the Yale chapter was not established until 1892.

Iota chapter, at Indiana Asbury University, Greencastle, Indiana, was established April 23, 1845, by Robert N. Hudson and Oliver P. Morton, of Miami. It was the pioneer fraternity chapter of Indiana, and the men then initiated, commencing with Newton Booth, who announced the organization of the chapter in the following letter, form the first of the long line of Betas unequalled by any fraternity chapter in the United States for the brilliant positions they have taken in the public life of their state and country.

IOTA CHAPTER, BETA THETA PI,
GREENCASTLE, INDIANA, *June 13, 1845*

We have delayed , that we might report a permanent organization. Our present members are James Harlan, Parke County, Indiana; William Nesbitt, Cynthiana, Indiana; John R. Goodwin, Brookville, Indiana; John W. Childs, New Albany, Indiana; James M. Reynolds, La Fayette, Indiana, and Newton Booth, Terre Haute, Indiana, who is recorder, Harlan being president. Though ours, the most Western chapter, is now young, we trust we shall never be wanting in those offices that should characterize members of our beloved fraternity. The existence of this branch is here known to none save its members. We date our regular formation April 23, 1845. Our delegates will be present at your approaching "Triennial Convention." We believe with you that the strength of each chapter should consist, not of numbers, but the devotion of the few. We trust that age may only serve to strengthen the bonds of ——— that bind us together with ———.

NEWTON BOOTH

The time for the second Triennial Convention drew near, but there was such conflict of opinion as to where it should be held that no agreement could be reached and, consequently, no convention was called.

Kappa chapter was founded at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, August 27, 1845, by Thomas B. Graham, '46, who was a friend of Oliver P. Morton, of Miami chapter.

Lambda chapter was organized at the University of Michigan on Thursday, July 17, 1845, by Benjamin F. Millard, of Adrian, Michigan, who had become a member of the Western Reserve chapter, July 14, 1842. He was assisted in the enterprise by his nephew, George Loomis Becker, and six other students at Ann Arbor. The group was formally recognized as a chapter of Beta Theta Pi on Thursday, November 13, 1845, and, as it desired University recognition and dignity, it held its installation exercises in the University chapel on Saturday, November 15, 1845, consent for the use of this room for the meeting being granted by the faculty. It was the first fraternity chapter established in Michigan. The Chi Psi society was organized in the late autumn of 1845, was granted its petition for recognition in December, 1845, and was formally established in April, 1846. It has frequently disputed the Beta claim to priority. The following letter to the Miami chapter, at a time when there was no motive for distorting the facts, seems conclusive upon this point:

LAMBDA CHAPTER OF BETA THETA PI,
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, *January 28, 1846*

The chapter was formed November 13, 1845, through the agency of B. F. Millard, formerly of Hudson. The organization is thoroughly completed and the com-

ment of our course as Betas has been made under the most favorable auspices. Our members, all from Michigan, are: P. W. H. Rawles, of Kalamazoo; George L. Becker, of Ann Arbor; James M. Walker, of Farmington; N. West, of Pontiac; John S. Newberry, of Romeo; Franklin L. Parker, of Plymouth; Charles Beckwith, of Kalamazoo, and B. Gray, of Marshall. George L. Becker is president and N. West, recorder. We have some opposition in the shape of the following societies, the Alpha Delta Phi, the Chi Psi, and the Alpha Alpha, all of which have recently been established here, but we were the first in the field and made our selections, so that they will not have an equal chance for years to come.

N. WEST, *Recorder*

The Michigan chapter, the Peninsular of Alpha Delta Phi, mentioned by Recorder West, was established on the afternoon of Commencement day, August 5, 1846, when the charter members were initiated by Henry A. Swift, Western Reserve '42, and by Robert R. Kellogg, New York University '35. It is a curious bit of history that Mr. Swift, an Alpha Delta Phi, was also a member of the "Boannergians" at Western Reserve which became the Beta Theta Pi chapter there; that he joined Beta Theta Pi with the rest and was elected first president of the chapter; and that he gave up this position and membership very soon, when the inconsistency of belonging to two fraternities was recognized, feeling that his obligation to Alpha Delta Phi, being prior, was paramount.

The Miami chapter had other projects in mind, including chapters at Wabash and Marietta. It wrote the other chapters about these, receiving the following reply from Western Reserve:

GAMMA CHAPTER OF BETA THETA PI,
WESTERN RESERVE COLLEGE, *June 6, 1846*

Your request was taken into consideration, and permission was given to establish a chapter at Crawfordsville, Indiana, also one at Danville, Kentucky, provided the opening should be good. Action upon the request for permission to establish chapters at Marietta, Ohio, and Columbia, South Carolina, was deferred until we learn something more of the prospects and chances of success. The chapter here feels a great anxiety in regard to the manner of establishing new chapters. We think that due discrimination and caution are not at all times exercised. . . . We have too many dead chapters now, and we think that a "live dog is better than a dead lion." We would earnestly request that you would be exceedingly cautious in the members elected upon the formation of new chapters, as the stand they take, when formed, in a great measure determines their future character and success. For these reasons we have deferred action on the requests with respect to Marietta and Columbia, South Carolina, until we are confident that the chapters which may be formed there will take and maintain a stand that will honor the institution. We trust you will write the prospects in those places, when we can act more understandingly.

C. W. PALMER, *Recorder*

Riley Evans Stratton, '44, Farmers College, and Joseph Gardner Wilson, '46, Marietta College, are names found on the Miami chapter roll. Each was initiated with the purpose of starting a chapter at his alma mater. Both Farmers and Marietta gave signs of assured success at that time. On Marietta the Miami record reads:

June 6, 1846

Chapter met at Messrs. Hay and Osborn's room. Messrs. Fairies and Wallace, having given their assent, were duly initiated as members of the Beta Theta Pi. Mr. Wilson was elected a member for the purpose of establishing a chapter at Marietta, Ohio. A letter was read from him accepting membership. The recorder was instructed to forward to him the constitution of the society. Chapter adjourned.

G. R. McMILLAN, *Pres.*

HIRAM STRONG, *Recorder, Beta Theta Pi*

August 11, 1846

Regular meeting. Chapter met in Mr. Hay's room. President in the chair. Minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as those of the called meetings, were read and

adopted. A letter from Mr. Coburn, of Crawfordsville, was read A letter from Mr. J. G. Wilson, of Marietta College, was read, stating the impossibility of founding a chapter at that place, in consequence of the laws of that institution forbidding the establishment of all such societies, and the further non-assent of the faculty.

Nothing came of the movements toward these two Ohio colleges, but the two members mentioned remained loyal and enthusiastic Betas throughout life. For some years they sat together on the Supreme Court bench



FOUNDER M. C. RYAN, *Miami '39*

From a photograph presented to the Colgate chapter, June 12, 1884, by Mrs. Samuel L'Hommedieu, founder Ryan's daughter, Emma.

in Oregon. Wilson died in 1873, at the end of his first term in Congress, in the middle of what was already a brilliant career. Though their connection with Beta Theta Pi was in reality slight, they took the warmest interest in its welfare, and kept up a correspondence with many of its members during their lifetime. Wilson's son later came into the fraternity, and Stratton's badge, one of the rare rectangular type, is now preserved as a prized possession by the Oregon chapter.

In the meantime Miami had gone ahead and elected John Coburn, Wabash, '46, another friend of Oliver P. Morton, a member for the purpose of establishing a chapter, as the following record states:

Called meeting. Chapter met at Hay and Osborn's room; all the members were present. Mr. Coburn was elected a member of Beta Theta Pi for the purpose of

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establishing a chapter at Crawfordsville. Mr. Hay was instructed to forward to him a copy of our constitution.

The chapter at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, was formed July 22, 1846, and was called Mu. Within a year it was in difficulty. Its existence on the campus was kept secret, but some suspicious students broke locks in order to read the fraternity constitution and chapter correspondence. The following fall there was renewed trouble. The Beta chapter naturally initiated the foremost men of the college. This caused jealousy on the part of the outsiders and resulted in the establishment of a rival secret society, whose sole aim was to oppose the Betas. Party feeling ran high, and unusually flagrant violations of college laws caused the faculty to act toward the delinquents somewhat harshly. The students claimed that this was showing a marked partiality to the Betas on the part of the faculty. The Betas offered to leave the college in a body. This would have seriously crippled the college, and the faculty begged them not to do so. It was finally resolved to disband, upon condition that every other secret society should do so. At the same time, those of the members who were not in favor of such a move met secretly and continued the organization. The chapter finally ceased to exist in a few months, as new members could not be initiated.

May 16, 1847, a chapter was established at Williams College, through the efforts of Timothy D. Pelton, of Western Reserve chapter, whose home was in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. There he met Alonzo P. Carpenter, a student at Williams, and enlisted his interest in starting a chapter at Williamstown, which he did in co-operation with Robert W. Smith, of Chicago. These two became active workers in the fraternity and so remained during their entire life. Some of the students they secured for the new chapter had been members of the anti-secret organization and all were church members and exceptional scholars. The chapter took high rank at Williams from the start, one of its first achievements being thus told:

"Our prospects are bright and still brightening. We have taken the best scholar of the Freshman class out of the very clutches, as it were, of the Sigma Phi and Kappa Alphas. Indeed the former supposed they had fairly secured him for nearly a week after he had joined us. We have not yet elected a single individual whom we have failed to initiate."

The necessity for a convention had now become apparent, and as the regular triennial had not been held in 1845, a special convention was called by the Miami chapter. It met at Cincinnati, May 14, 1847. George Hoadly, Western Reserve, '44, was president. Delegates were present from the Miami, Cincinnati, Wabash, Western Reserve, Jefferson, Michigan and Asbury chapters. Although the Cincinnati chapter was inactive, its members took a prominent part in the deliberations of the convention. Indiana and Williams were not represented, nor were Transylvania or Princeton, which, indeed, were not in active existence at the time, though the convention was not aware of the fact.

A resolution was passed

"That the Cincinnati, Athens and Harvard chapters be, and they are hereby declared, extinct, and that the names of the members of said chapters be transferred to the list of the Miami chapter."

The roll of chapters was rearranged, as follows: Alpha, Miami; Beta, Western Reserve; Gamma, Transylvania; Delta, Jefferson; Epsilon, Prince-

ton; Zeta, Indiana Asbury; Eta, Indiana; Theta, Michigan; Iota, Wabash; Kappa, Williams.

A committee was appointed to draft and forward an address to the several chapters. This was intended to be a sort of encyclical letter, detailing briefly the work of the convention, and speaking words of admonition or encouragement. It was a pleasant custom, and continued in effect for many years.

The most memorable action of the convention was the establishment of the presiding chapter system. The enactment provided,

That there should be a presiding chapter chosen at each convention, with no legislative power, which should be the depository of information regarding the chapters, to which all propositions regarding the actions of the association should be submitted, and by which the decision of the chapters should be obtained and transmitted, and which should be the center of all business correspondence.

The Miami chapter was made the presiding chapter until the next regular triennial convention which was appointed to meet at Hudson, Ohio, the first Thursday of September, 1848.

The lack of a central executive authority in the fraternity had been greatly felt. Had there been such an administrative organization, some of the deceased chapters might have been saved. Now began the inefficient presiding chapter system, a government by undergraduates, with shifting location, with no continuity of policy or personnel, which was in vogue for more than thirty years until the revolution of 1878-79, which brought a stronger constitution for Beta Theta Pi, graduate control, and longer tenure of office.

During the session of 1847-48, Miami University was not prosperous. Its president, Erasmus D. McMaster, was unpopular. Opposition to the Mexican war, epidemics of small pox and cholera, quarrels in the literary societies and finally, the "Snow Rebellion" in January, 1848, destroyed his influence. "He had remarkable success, later, teaching in a theological seminary; but he could never understand or reach the heart of a tow-headed undergraduate. That particular phase of original sin was too much for him."

Upham's "Old Miami," from which these sentences are quoted, tells of the effects of the Snow Rebellion thus:

"When the snow fell there were eight Alphas and eight Betas in college. Of the former there were two each of seniors, juniors and sophomores, together with one freshman and one prep; of the latter, four seniors, two juniors, a sophomore and a prep. When the ax fell and got through falling, there were two Beta seniors left to graduate and not an Alpha on the premises. This does not mean wholesale expulsion . . . but chiefly for reasons connected with these eventful nights these men lost interest in the institution. At any rate the Greek fraternities were left in a state of general disability."

A little further, he says:

"A clique of the most stubborn ones stamped the slush of Oxford from their feet and made tracks for Centre College in Kentucky where, somehow, they got admitted."

Three of these were E. H. Munger, R. V. Moore and James Warnock who founded Lambda chapter at Centre College on May 27, 1848.

A letter from Samuel Spahr Laws, of Miami, written January 29, 1848, said of the trouble in the college:

"The Alpha Delta Phi has only one member left, a sophomore. The Beta Theta Pi has two, a sophomore and myself. The Senior class is reduced from twenty to nine, the Junior from twelve to five. The sophomore Alpha Delta Phi leaves in the spring and the sophomore Beta probably leaves then also. This is Noble; he is in truth the 'concrete' of which his name is the 'abstract.'"

The regular convention of 1848, which was the third triennial, met August 8, at Hudson, Ohio, Charles R. Pierce, Western Reserve, having been chosen president. The Western Reserve, Michigan, Williams and Centre chapters alone were represented. The Alpha Delta Phi chapter at Western Reserve was invited to attend the public exercises, and did so. It was, perhaps, the first interfraternity event of which there is any record. At these public exercises where Halbert E. Paine '45 delivered an oration, the presiding officer was George Edmond Pierce, Yale '16, president of Western Reserve from 1834 to 1855. Three of his sons became Betas, one of them being the president of the convention. President Pierce was elected to membership July 26, 1848, the chapter believing it would make the rival Alpha Delta Phis feel depressed when "Brother Pierce" was introduced as chairman of the public meeting.

This convention enacted that a chapter could only be established by a unanimous vote of all the existing chapters. It also gave power to the presiding chapter to call a special convention at any time, if three-fourths of the active chapters should suggest it.

The convention, while substituting the word "colleges" for "places" as the location for chapters took the inconsistent action of passing the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Beta Theta Pi in convention assembled, That the Ann Arbor chapter of this association is not depending upon the University of Michigan for support, and, therefore, is not under the jurisdiction of the laws of that college.

This was in order to allow the Michigan chapter to escape the effect of the anti-fraternity laws which had been recently enacted at Ann Arbor, a ruse of claiming a non-collegiate membership which, however, did not save the chapter members from being driven from the university.

This convention also prescribed a series of regulations concerning the course to be undertaken by petitioners for chapters, enacted that no preparatory students should be admitted to the fraternity, and appointed a committee to draft a ritual.

Western Reserve was made the presiding chapter and was ordered to prepare a catalogue of the members of the association. The roll of chapters was rearranged again, as follows: Alpha, Miami; Beta, Western Reserve; Gamma, Jefferson; Delta, Asbury; Epsilon, Indiana; Zeta, Michigan; Eta, Wabash; Theta, Williams; Iota, Centre. Of these nine chapters Miami, Indiana, Michigan and Wabash were in precarious condition for one cause or another.

In the fall of 1848, Alonzo P. Carpenter, of the Williams chapter, wrote to a Michigan correspondent that he had some communications with a young man in Brown University and asked advice on

"a project we have in view, which is to initiate students there as members of our chapter, to be governed by our by-laws and to be in every sense a "part and parcel," in other words, a branch of our chapter. This, of course, as a chapter, we have a right to do. And it will obviate all difficulties with President Wayland and also spare us the trouble of going through all the tedious formality, as fixed by the constitution, of procuring the consent of all chapters. We wish the advice of your chapter on this point, for we would do nothing hastily."

On May 8, 1849, Kappa chapter at Brown was organized by D. J. Glazier, who had become acquainted with Carpenter at his home in Willington, Connecticut, where the latter had spent two summer vacations. The chapter started off with a large membership, too large, as events subsequently proved, for the development of close friendship and loyalty. Carpenter also made an ineffectual effort to establish a chapter at Dartmouth.

The first decade of Beta Theta Pi was now ended. The extent of its growth and the situation in its chapters are indicated as follows:

- 1839, August 8, Miami (inactive)
- 1840, April 8, Cincinnati (dead)
- 1841, August 9, Western Reserve
- 1841, November 9, Ohio (inactive)
- 1842, January 31, Transylvania (dead)
- 1842, June 1, Jefferson
- 1843, September 5, Harvard (dead)
- 1843, November 2, Princeton (dead)
- 1845, April 23, Indiana Asbury
- 1845, August 27, Indiana (inactive)
- 1845, November 13, Michigan
- 1846, July 22, Wabash (inactive)
- 1847, May 16, Williams
- 1848, May 27, Centre
- 1849, May 8, Brown

The total membership was about 400. Of the fifteen chapters which had been established, four were dead; four were temporarily inactive, and none of the seven others showed much energy or enthusiasm except the ones at Michigan and Williams. The Michigan chapter was fighting the Fraternity War at this time and its struggles in fighting and winning the war opened the way at Michigan for the recognition of all subsequent fraternities.

The "Fraternity War" raged from 1846 to 1850. All the known members of Chi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi were expelled from the University finally in December, 1849, for belonging to a secret society contrary to the famous "Rule 20" of the University. The members of Beta Theta Pi "hung on" until September, 1850, when the faculty expelled all the members known by them to belong to the fraternity. Chi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi although thus "outlawed" by the faculty in 1849, and Beta Theta Pi in September, 1850, did not give up the fight, even though most of their members were compelled to leave college. Records of Lambda state:

Special Meeting, Michigan Chapter of
Beta Theta Pi, University of Michigan,
July 18, 1850.

"A special meeting of the chapter having been called, after reading a chapter from the Bible, Mr. J. Sterling Morton, who had been previously elected a member of the Beta chapter at Hudson, Ohio, was duly initiated into the association."

"The members of the graduating class then signed their names to the Constitution of the Beta Theta Pi and after some social conversation, there being no further business before the chapter, on motion, chapter adjourned."

ANDREW J. POPPLETON, *President*.

BYRON B. NORTHPROP, *Recorder*.

(NOTE: Members did not sign the constitution until after they had completed their work in the university—thus trying to evade the university's rule against belonging to secret societies!)

Special Meeting, Michigan Chapter of
Beta Theta Pi, University of Michigan,
September 18, 1850.

"A special meeting was called by the president in Brother Poppleton's room for the purpose of considering a note sent by the faculty to Brother J. K. Knight announcing his expulsion from the University on account of his connection with this chapter. After deliberation it was unanimously agreed upon by the chapter that as *all* held the same relation to the association as Brother Knight, we would leave the University with him."

"In order to avoid the expulsion of Brother John Dayton Condit from the University, a member of the Freshman class who had just entered the society, on motion, he was expelled from *this* chapter with the understanding that he should be again elected to the Beta chapter at Hudson, Ohio, and the recorder was instructed to write that chapter and request his election as a member of that chapter with permission to consult the books of this, the Michigan chapter."

(NOTE: Instead of going to Beta Chapter, Condit actually went to Wabash and became No. 19 on Tau Chapter roll.)

"On motion it was then resolved 'That should the Michigan chapter of the Beta Theta Pi be *temporarily* suspended by the expulsion or departure of the members composing it, the records, correspondence and all other papers belonging to the chapter be placed in the hands of Messrs. Gray and Parker, graduates of the chapter.'

"After much conversation and deliberation upon the present situation and future prospects of the chapter, on motion, adjourned."

ANDREW J. POPPLETON, *President*.

WM. K. GIBSON, *Recorder "Pro Tem."*

Special Meeting, Michigan Chapter of
Beta Theta Pi, University of Michigan,
September 27, 1850.

"A special meeting of the society was held on the evening of the 27th at 9 o'clock P.M., and being called to order by the President, Brother A. J. Poppleton, was opened in the usual manner by reading a passage from the Bible. The president then stated briefly but feelingly the objects of the special meeting, which would probably be the last we should hold in our present relations, alluding to the expulsion of *all known* members of the society from the University and to the course proper to be pursued toward the faculty—toward the public, and toward each other, as 'Companions in Arms and Exile.' The communications and resolutions of the faculty to the members of the society were then read by the recorder and nearly all the members as they were called upon by the society expressed their views, feelings and determinations in the matter, which, to be summed up briefly could be best expressed by those remarkable words of the elder, 'Sink or swim, live or die, we stand by the Beta Theta Pi.'

"It was then on motion unanimously resolved, that knowing this society has been of incalculable, intellectual, and social benefit to each of us as its members by its aid, influences and sympathy, it is with the deepest sorrow and regret that the meetings of the society will be for the present suspended by the removal of its members from the University of Michigan. That wherever we go, or our lot may be cast, we shall ever recall its meetings with the choicest and most cherished memories of our collegiate life, that our heartiest curses shall ever follow the authors of our evil. We yet feel the kindest regards toward those whose sympathies and well wishes have ever been with us in this struggle and pledging our ceaseless and united efforts towards rewarding our friends and revenging the society of its enemies—we press the parting hand in sadness with the fervent hope and earnest prayer that we may all meet again. The resolution was carried by acclamation. The members sat down to a farewell supper provided by the committee of arrangements, when old memories and friends were revived. Healths were drank to all the absent members of this chapter, to all Greeks throughout the world, and a health and a wish for long life and happiness to each at parting. After a pleasant and happy social time which will live long in the memory of those present, at mid-night, on motion the society adjourned *sine die* to meet again at the call of the president."

ANDREW J. POPPLETON, *President*.

B. B. NORTHRUP, *Recorder*.
Per A. E. CHESTNUT.

Ann Arbor, Michigan,
September 27, 1850.

Arthur Draper Rich, a member of the Michigan chapter, who graduated in 1851 describes what next happened, as follows:

"It came about this way: We had been informed by the faculty that if we would submit our Constitution to any member of the faculty we could continue our chapter of Beta Theta Pi if nothing objectionable was found therein. We had the privilege of selecting the professor to whom the document should be submitted. I called on Prof. Douglass to talk over the difficulties and see if any arrangement could be made. After a full discussion the professor asked me if I thought it very desirable to continue our chapter. I replied, certainly; that I could not, under the circumstances, re-enter the University and graduate unless Lambda Chapter of Beta Theta Pi was permitted to live. Then he asked why we did not invite some member of the faculty to join us, remarking that he himself had always been friendly to the boys and had opposed from the first what he termed the harsh and hasty measures the faculty had adopted against the fraternities. He inquired if I thought it would be agreeable to my fraternity to initiate him. He advised me to consult the Betas within reach and ascertain; intimated that if this was done and he became a member and found nothing objectionable in our Constitution, we and he could then truthfully say our Constitution had been submitted to a member of the faculty and found unobjectionable, and our chapter could thereafter continue with the best possible prospects. . . . In due time we initiated Prof. Silas Hamilton Douglass with all necessary formal ceremony; he stood the ordeal like a man and a brother, and thereby became a member of the Lambda chapter of Beta Theta Pi. . . ."

"October 14, 1850, the very next month after the *known* members of Beta Theta Pi had been dismissed by the faculty, the faculty records of the University show the following:

"October 14, 1850. Regular meeting. All present. Reports heard and noted. The following communication was read to the faculty:

"To the faculty: I am authorized to inform the faculty that the Constitution of the Beta Theta Pi society may be submitted for their approval or disapproval and I would respectfully ask the faculty to examine it.

ARTHUR D. RICH."

"Appointed Profs. Ten Brook and Douglass a committee to examine the Constitution mentioned in above communication and report to the faculty."

"October 18, 1850. Faculty met at the call of the president upon the request of two members. All present. . . . A verbal report having been presented by the committee on the Beta Theta Pi Constitution, the faculty voted to receive the report and discharge the committee."

"October 22, 1850. The following preamble and resolution was then moved and seconded:

"Whereas the Constitution of Beta Theta Pi society has in compliance with the 20th article, chapter 4 of the College Laws been perused for the approval of the faculty in order that students may be members thereof; Resolved, that the faculty having examined it do so far approve said Constitution as to permit students of the University to be members of said society, etc."

"The yeas and nays being called for the resolution was passed by the following vote: Yeas, Profs. Whedon, Douglass, Fasquelle and Ten Brook; Nays, Profs. Williams and Agnew."

Thus Beta Theta Pi, the first fraternity established at Michigan, in 1845, was the last to be expelled in September, 1850, and the first to be recognized by the faculty in October, 1850. Upon October 28, 1850, Alpha Delta Phi petitioned the faculty for recognition and the following resolution was passed on said October 28:

"Resolved, that the preamble and resolution passed October 22, 1850, in relation to the Beta Theta Pi society be applied to the Alpha Delta Phi society."

On November 4, 1850 the faculty voted down a resolution to recognize Chi Psi, but passed it on November 14, 1850, as follows:

"Resolved, that the preamble and resolution passed October 22, 1850 in relation to the Beta Theta Pi society be applied to the Chi Psi society."

CHAPTER III

TO THE BEGINNING OF THE CIVIL WAR

On April 24, 1850, the Lambda, the first fraternity chapter in Virginia, was established at Hampden-Sydney College through the efforts of Charles Martin and William H. West, of the Jefferson chapter.

In the fall of 1850 the Brown chapter began negotiations with the Alpha Delta Phi for a change of allegiance. The latter fraternity had had a chapter at Brown, founded in 1836, which became inactive with the graduation of the class of 1841. Its alumni had made several attempts to reestablish it without success. When the Beta Theta Pi chapter was established at Brown, some of the Alpha Delta Phis told its members, that if they had known of the movement, they would have secured a charter from their fraternity for the group, and intimated that it might not yet be too late. Two of the members of the Beta chapter left Brown for Yale, where they entered the Junior class and joined Alpha Delta Phi, a Junior society. These were Melancthon Storrs and Delano Goddard. Contrasting the distance and weakness of the Beta Theta Pi chapters with the nearness and strength of those of Alpha Delta Phi, they began the movement to transfer the Brown and Williams chapters to the latter fraternity. At that time Alpha Delta Phi was much stronger in numbers and chapters than Beta Theta Pi. It had chapters at Hamilton, Yale, Amherst, Harvard, Hobart, Western Reserve, Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Michigan, and Rochester to oppose to the Betas' six widely scattered colleges, and no doubt the members of the Brown and Williams chapters thought they were bettering their condition by getting into an older and more compact society.

For the Brown chapter the matter was comparatively easy; for it had never had any roots and had only the slightest connection with Beta Theta Pi. The Williams chapter, on the other hand, had been a high grade one. Its members had been interested in extending the fraternity; in improving the badge and getting better arrangements for its manufacture; and in publishing a catalogue that should be a credit to the organization. Its letters which have been preserved indicate more activity and interest than those of any contemporary, while they also reflect some discontent with the inattention and negligence of the distant chapters, slow means of communication only emphasizing the isolation of a New England chapter from the others.

Years after the event, one of the members of the Williams chapter explained that the chapter had had some trouble with one of the other chapters about paying for some jewelry; that the letters from the chapter to others were not answered; that there was dissatisfaction when it was discovered that the Harvard and Princeton chapters were dead, when they thought, when they entered Beta Theta Pi, that these two were flourishing; that a number of the members had formerly been members of the Equitable Fraternity, the anti-secret organization which later became a chapter of Delta Upsilon, and that they regarded a change of fraternity allegiance as a matter of small importance.

How the western Betas regarded the matter is indicated by a letter from Daniel McCleary, of Miami, to Henry Beeson, of Michigan, in 1854.

"Prior to this (the establishment of the North Carolina chapter) I don't know how long, the Williams chapter, by a strange defection, showed a great want of Beta spirit. The treacherous, heartless, perjured villains pulled down the temple of Betaism which they had pledged to guard; they plowed up the very foundation and sowed the site with salt. In a word they gave notice of a withdrawal from the rest of the order and then they went (I would say if I could) soul and body (but they had no soul) over to Alpha Delta Phi. The graduate members to a man indignantly repudiated their move and refused to sacrifice good faith and friendship to a merely imaginary good. Other chapters of our order have expired, borne down by an accumulation of adversities, but their sun went down in honor. At Wabash, Transylvania, Miami, Michigan and Ohio, chapters expired when they could not live honorably; but it was reserved for the craven-hearted deserters at Williams to give the only instance of deliberate perfidy in the history of Beta Theta Pi. Long may they remain alone in their glory!"

The movement was successful, the Brown chapter being received into Alpha Delta Phi by initiation April 15, 1851, and the Williams chapter in July following. The Brown chapter had no alumni, but the Williams chapter had, and they protested in vain against the desertion. The loyal alumni did not accept the invitation to join Alpha Delta Phi, and Beta Theta Pi has long held their memories in peculiar esteem. Furthermore, because of their later activity in Beta Theta Pi affairs, the taint of disloyalty on the part of the others still pervades the transaction and leaves it inexcusable in the thought of high-minded men.

It was at this gloomy juncture that the fourth triennial assembled at Pittsburgh, August 7, 1851, under the auspices of the Jefferson chapter. Henry S. Martin, Jefferson, '51, was president. Only the Jefferson and Western Reserve chapters were represented. The committee on ritual reported that it was inexpedient to adopt any general form of initiation, as the varied circumstances of the different chapters might require modifications in such a form.

The committee on periodical reported that, while the interests of the association would no doubt be furthered by the publication "of a periodical in the style of the best three dollar monthlies, under the patronage of the association, and edited by one of the members, who should receive sufficient compensation to enable him to devote all his attention to that duty," in view of the small number of chapters represented at the convention, it would be better if the presiding chapter were to correspond with the chapters about the matter, and report to the next convention.

The Williams, Brown, Wabash and Indiana chapters were declared defunct, and the names of their members were ordered to be transferred to the roll of the Western Reserve chapter. The Miami and Michigan chapters were not active, but it was hoped that they would soon be revived, and so they were not formally declared dead. The roll was not rearranged, the names of the chapters remaining: Alpha, Miami; Beta, Western Reserve; Gamma, Jefferson; Delta, Indiana Asbury; Zeta, Michigan; Iota, Centre; Lambda, Hampden-Sydney.

A resolution was adopted "that, in view of the recent breach upon our association, we should suggest the propriety of a judicious extension of Beta Theta Pi, mainly at the west." The chapters were urged to appoint their best men as recorders, on account of their representative character, and to preserve for future reference all letters received and copies of all sent.

Gamma, at Jefferson, was made the presiding chapter for the next three years. The publication of a catalogue was ordered "in a style to compare favorably with those of other similar societies," emphasis being placed upon an emblematic frontispiece.

In ritualistic matters, a grip was adopted which was used for some years and the additional obligation, to be taken at the time of initiation, carrying a pledge from the candidate that if he ever gave up his connection with Beta Theta Pi he would never reveal anything of the nature, objects or business of the association was emphasized.

This convention was the first to appoint a regular series of committees, thus beginning a system, ever since followed in the fraternity, of having all



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matters brought before a convention referred to a stated committee for consideration, report and recommendation.

In April, 1852, the Miami chapter was revived, and at once took up the work of the fraternity with renewed zeal. On the 28th of this month the Eta was established at the University of North Carolina by William F. Green, of Jefferson. The Jefferson chapter announced it to the Miami chapter as follows :

June 3, 1852

The resuscitation of the Miami chapter, the old "Alpha" is an event which, to us, was as gratifying as it was unexpected. . . . I have also the pleasure of informing you of the birth of a new chapter at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It was founded by William F. Green, one of our old members. They now number five—Junius I. Scales, John N. Morehead, N. E. Scales, George N. Thompson and K. M. Murchison (Recorder).

This new chapter, composed of representative men of the state, was eager to work for Beta Theta Pi. In October its recorder wrote :

You speak of instituting a chapter at Hanover College, in Indiana, which I need hardly say meets with our entire approbation. We are anxious to hear of a chapter being in every college of high standing in the United States. In future, when you desire to institute a chapter at any college, you may consider our votes as for it, leaving it to your discretion. We think we probably can extend chapters further south in a short while—in South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia.

During this year the presiding chapter also made efforts to establish chapters at Centenary College, Louisiana, Oakland College, Mississippi, and Beloit College, Wisconsin, and discussed the advisability of entering Marietta, Franklin and Marshall and Lafayette, but without tangible result.

In March, 1853, the Miami chapter took active steps toward establishing a chapter at Ohio Wesleyan, and initiated James H. Hills with that end in view, the following being the minutes of the meetings recording the transactions:

March 2, 1853

Mr. James H. Hills, of Ohio Wesleyan University, having been proposed as a suitable candidate for membership of the order, on motion, chapter balloted upon his election.

March 3, 1853

Chapter met in Fullerton, Galbraith and McDill's room. President in the chair. All the members present except McClung. Chapter then proceeded to the initiation of Mr. James H. Hills, who was elected at a previous meeting. Among the instructions given by the president was an injunction to attempt the planting of a chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University, with which he is connected, as soon as practicable. Chapter adjourned.

T. A. FULLERTON, *Pres.*

C. D. CALDWELL, *Recorder*

The chapter was established April 17, 1853, and was named Theta, the designation of the former Williams chapter.

Part of a letter from Dr. R. C. Galbraith, Miami '53, is printed in the "History of Theta Chapter," published in 1915 by Samuel Raymond Thornburg, Ohio Wesleyan '15. It tells the story as follows:

"In the winter or early spring of 1853, a young gentleman, a student at Delaware, made a visit to his uncle, a prominent citizen of Oxford. We in some way found out his presence. His uncle had a daughter, a most estimable young lady, and we discovered that one of our members, now General Gates P. Thruston of Nashville, Tenn., had been introduced to her and so we commissioned him to call on the young lady, get acquainted with the young man, bring him around to see some of the rest of us, and show him whatsoever courtesy the case demanded. The plan worked nicely; we were all pleased with Mr. James Harvey Hills, elected him to membership in Alpha Chapter, gave him a copy of the Constitution, and endowed him with full authority to found a chapter in Ohio Wesleyan."

On May 19, 1853, a chapter was placed in Hanover College, Indiana, by Mark L. DeMotte and others who went over from Greencastle for that purpose. It began its career as a *sub rosa* organization, its existence being discovered in 1855 when John Hanna Gray, one of its members, died of cholera. The members were called before the faculty and given the alternative of disbanding the chapter or being dismissed from college. They declined to disband and then were given two weeks to reconsider. They wrote to Dr. John C. Young, president of Centre College, a member of Beta Theta Pi, and received from him assurance that they would be admitted at Centre and be given the same collegiate standing as at Hanover. Six or eight of the Hanover Betas were upper classmen, three of them being Seniors, and when the faculty found out that all were going to Centre, the action against the fraternity members was reconsidered and the Betas were per-

mitted to remain. Then the chapter elected John Finley Crowe to membership. He was vice-president of the college and is called "the founder of Hanover College." He was initiated and was a true and firm believer in the principles of the fraternity until his death. His daughter married a Coulter and had son and grandsons in Beta Theta Pi.

Early in 1854 the Ohio chapter was revived, Edward W. Mullikin and Oliver P. Shiras being its leaders, and not long afterward the Michigan chapter resumed its activities. T. H. Rogers, of Miami, writing to Henry W. Beeson, of Michigan, about this, July 30, 1854, said:

"This resurrection of chapters does my soul good. I was feeling very lonely, or, rather, blue, when I got your letter, but that cured me up immediately. This is quite a "time of revival" among Beta chapters. The Athens chapter lately began to breathe again. These "revivals" please me finely. I am by no means a Saducee. I believe in the resurrection of the dead. It is a doctrine which should be preached to and carried out by Betas. There are three or four chapters which ought, no must, be revived. We must revive, create, go on."

The regular triennial convention met at Cincinnati, August 16, 1854. George K. Clark, Miami, '54, was its president. The Miami, Western Reserve, Jefferson, Asbury, Centre, Hanover and Ohio chapters were represented. The Western Reserve chapter being in a poor condition, owing to a decline in the affairs of the college, was represented by George Hoadly, an alumnus of some years' standing.

The Jefferson chapter reported the collection of \$250 toward defraying the expenses of publishing the catalogue. The committee on a magazine reported:

"Your committee reports that, though fully alive to the great importance and benefits of a periodical under the control, and devoted to the interests of, the association, they are convinced of the present inexpediency, if not impracticability, of establishing and sustaining it, and, therefore, recommend that no further action be now taken in the matter."

The committee on chapters rejoiced that the fraternity was "not called upon at this time to lament the demise of a single chapter, but is privileged to rejoice over two newborn and two raised from the dead." It reported that the Michigan chapter had been revived, and recommended, in view of the confusion attending the re-naming of the chapters, "that hereafter when a chapter is declared by a convention to be defunct, it thereby loses its name and seal, but can be revived at any time by the action of any one chapter of the association." The roll was rearranged once more, chapters being given designations which, with two exceptions, were not again changed, as follows: Alpha, Miami; Beta, Western Reserve; Gamma, Jefferson; Delta, Indiana Asbury; Epsilon, Centre; Zeta, Hampden-Sydney; Eta, North Carolina; Theta, Ohio Wesleyan; Iota, Hanover; Kappa, Ohio; Lambda, Michigan.

The task of publishing the catalogue was imposed upon the Miami chapter; Indiana Asbury was made the presiding chapter, and the conventions were made biennial.

The need for a ritual was again urged and a special committee, consisting of Prof. William M. Scott, of Centre College, Hon. George Hoadly, and Hon. Schuyler Colfax, was appointed with instructions to prepare three several forms of initiation and present the same to the next convention with a view to the adoption of a general initiative ceremony for the association. It is not known that they ever reported on the subject.

The Indiana Asbury chapter began its administration with vigor. Mu chapter was established at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, October 20, 1854, through the efforts of members of the Centre chapter. Nu chapter at Washington College, Pennsylvania, was founded by the initiation on February 10, 1855, of William M. Stewart and John H. Sherrard, Gamma, at Jefferson College in Canonsburg, ten miles distant, conducting the informal ceremonial then used. On February 17, 1855, these two initiated J. Watson Hughes and Joseph Waugh. These four are counted the founders of the chapter. They adopted the median date, February 14, as one to be



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celebrated as the anniversary of the founding. On April 3, 1855, John H. Sherrard, the recorder, wrote to David Kessinger, of the Ohio chapter:

"There is a chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta here who look upon us with rather a jealous eye. This association has been in existence here for a number of years and in times past had some noble sons, but lately it has degenerated. Each of us members of Nu has been invited by the Deltas, and I suppose would have joined had it not been for the character of some of their members with whom we could never fraternize. We are now thankful we did not join them."

The establishment of Nu brought a protest from the Michigan chapter which requested more information about the condition and prospects of the college. A letter from Miles Carlson, of Jefferson, to Henry W. Beeson, of Michigan, December 15, 1854, contains the following paragraph:

"Your chapter seems to think that we have got sufficient chapters and don't think it will ever give their consent to establish another unless it be in an "institution of the very first class and the students of the most brilliant talent." I would ask you if this accords with the spirit of the constitution? Does not the constitution say that the association shall be extended? So to what other cause can your chapter and ours and all except Miami attribute their existence, unless to that principle in the constitution? Had Miami, which founded the association, said that they would not establish chapters in any institution except those "of the very first class" and "with

students of the most brilliant talents," to use your own language, where would the Beta Theta Pi be now? I do not speak for any other institution except our own. I know that there never would have been a chapter at "old Jefferson." Yet I contend that her alumni are filling high positions in the learned professions. I do not say that they all are, but a great many of them, and especially those that belong to the Beta Theta Pi. I think that if your chapter will reconsider the matter, it will not adopt the principle of non-extension. You will not consider these remarks as having any particular reference to Washington. I have just given my views on the subject of extension. I am heartily in favor of a judicious extension. I have no fears that the association, if judiciously extended, will become unwieldy."

Despite the Michigan suggestion of more care in expansion, the fraternity placed a chapter in Knox college in April, 1855, Benton J. Hall, Miami '55, taking the initiative. How unpromising the situation was is indicated in a letter Samuel Caldwell wrote to Miami, February 23, 1856, reporting six members:

"The college is small and the number of hale fellows is, of course, smaller. The president of Knox (Blanchard) is so hostile to every form of secret society that we do not think it prudent to make our existence known as yet, and this hostility of his deprives us of two good members, at least, who would, no doubt, join us if it were not for their too great reverence for him."

At the end of April, 1855, Omicron chapter was established at the University of Virginia by Richard McIlwaine and Lewis L. Holladay, of the Hampden-Sydney chapter. In a letter written May 15, 1855, by the recorder to Indiana Asbury chapter, he reported that the chapter had been in existence three weeks, had eight members and two awaiting initiation, but did not know for sure which was the presiding chapter, where badges might be obtained, who the recorders of other chapters were, what its chapter designation was, or how many chapters there were.

In June, 1855, the Indiana chapter was revived by M. C. Hester, R. R. Hitt, William M. Springer and others, of Asbury, and given the name Pi. Rho chapter was founded at Washington College, Lexington, Virginia (now Washington-Lee University), by Thomas L. Preston, of the Virginia chapter, February 12, 1856. The unconventional methods then prevailing are well illustrated by a quotation from a letter from Robert Carrington, of Hampden-Sydney, to David H. Moore, of Ohio, April 12, 1856.

"Some weeks ago I received a letter from Brother Thomas L. Preston of Omicron, who is now temporary professor of Latin in Washington College, Virginia, telling me that he was anxious to establish a chapter of our society there. We thought it best, as it was so near the end of the session, to found the chapter as a branch of this chapter until authorized by the consent of the other chapters to become a separate and independent one. Accordingly we took the necessary steps and Rho chapter is now established as a branch of this. They have now five members, good and true men, who, from their letters, seem to be thoroughly imbued with the Greek Spirit and who are to form the nucleus of a chapter inferior to none in our association if the future members are all like the present ones."

He gave a little further information on June 13, 1856, in a letter to William W. Wheeler, of the Michigan chapter, writing:

"By the advice of the presiding chapter, we, as is usual in such cases, went on to establish a chapter there as a branch of this. This was necessary as it would not have been established at all if not done this session, for Brother Preston will not remain longer."

The initiation of individual students of another institution by a Beta chapter with the idea of establishing a new branch had been common in

the fraternity almost from the start; but this arrangement came close to the "dispensation" method in use in Beta Theta Pi a quarter of a century later.

About the same there was a plan for a chapter at the University of Nashville. Joel Battle, of the Miami chapter, had a friend in that institution who had been invited to join Delta Kappa Epsilon. Battle persuaded him to hold off with the idea of founding a Beta chapter. Luckily the plan failed, but the inattention to conditions in a college was again illustrated, as Cumberland, the nearest chapter, only a few miles away, wrote, that, although it had voted in favor of Nashville, the institution was not at all prosperous and, as the recorder put it, "I really don't think it would profit our society a great deal by the establishment."

In 1856 the Western Reserve chapter was reduced to one member, the college passing through a crisis in its affairs. Iota, at Hanover, also had but one member, "watched and suspected by the president of the college." He soon initiated two others, but the chapter was hindered by anti-fraternity laws, and ran *sub rosa* from this time until 1862.

The first biennial convention met at Louisville, Kentucky, August 13-15, 1856, with David W. McClung, Miami, '54, as its president. Delegates were present from Miami, Jefferson, Asbury, Centre, North Carolina, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Ohio, Cumberland, Washington (Pennsylvania), and Indiana.

In planning for its session Van Buren Carter of the Centre chapter was active. He sent to the Miami chapter an interesting proposal regarding the expenses of delegates to the convention:

"That the sum of expenses of the delegates from every chapter be computed and the total expense be defrayed by all the chapters, each chapter paying an equal part of the whole."

The convention was an extremely enthusiastic one. The new and handsome catalogue, the first issued by the fraternity, was presented to the delegates, and Miami chapter was requested to collect the small amount due for its publication. Few changes were made in the constitution. Some of the secret work was modified, a new pass word was introduced, and there was a lively discussion of a ritual presented by a special committee. Objections were made to a formal ceremonial, to one binding on all the chapters, and even to the propriety of conventions prescribing anything at all in addition to what was in the constitution. Regulations were passed looking to a more frequent interchange of letters and a better consolidation of the government.

The "Beta Waltz," by Mrs. Kate Hunter, was officially recognized and adopted with thanks. It was a piece of sheet music in B flat, its lithographed cover displaying a rustic arch from the top of which hung the badge of Beta Theta Pi over a knot of ribbon and a star. Mrs. Hunter was the wife of Alexander Hunter of the Hanover chapter, a delegate to the convention. William Raimond Baird wrote of this music:

"It was, so far as we know, the first piece of instrumental music dedicated to a college fraternity, but it may be that we were not pioneers in this matter, as such music is ephemeral in character and soon gets out of print."

The committee on periodical reported the inadvisability of establishing one, but proposed that the fraternity purchase an interest in some existing journal.

At this convention the idea of a secondary badge was presented. It

was a notion which persisted for twenty-five years. Two thoughts seemed to be behind it; alumni wished to be distinguished from undergraduates; and members generally wanted a badge which might be given to women friends. A secondary badge in the form of a watch-key was recommended. Zeta, at Hampden-Sydney College, was made presiding chapter.

In September, 1856, Sigma chapter was founded at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois, by William M. Springer, of Indiana Asbury. It had a brief but brilliant history, not surviving the Civil War period. Some of its members, notably James C. Martin, '62 and Joshua P. Garlick '62, were active in 1878-1879, in connection with the establishment of the University of Cali-



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fornia chapter. Its last initiate, Louis H. Jackson '67 transferred to the State University of Iowa and in 1866 founded the chapter there. The life record of the twenty-seven members of the Sigma chapter was notable.

In October 1856, through the efforts of Milford B. Shipp '54, who was initiated at Miami for that purpose, the Wabash chapter was revived. It was given the name Tau. During the fall there was correspondence about reviving the Princeton chapter. The Ohio chapter rekindled the zeal for Marietta and the Washington (Virginia) chapter reported in December that it hoped during the vacation to establish a chapter at William and Mary. There was also a proposition to consider Louisville University.

Zeta did not make a very efficient presiding chapter. It was too far away from the center of the fraternity to conduct a successful administration, but through its efforts two new chapters were established: Phi at Davidson College, North Carolina, on January 8, 1858, and Upsilon at South Carolina College, Columbia, South Carolina, on January 31, 1858, the North Carolina chapter taking the lead in both instances. During the Christmas

season of 1857 James P. Coffin, North Carolina '59, visited Columbia duly commissioned to take the preliminary steps to establish a chapter. He was so successful that on January 31, 1858 William C. Lord, North Carolina '58, initiated Lewis Wardlaw Perrin '58, William C. Wardlaw '59, Lewis P. Foster '58, Richard V. Gist '61, Richard C. Simpson '59, William C. Hane '59 and William G. Stevenson '59 as charter members. These students were from prominent families, several of them from the Abbeville district. Prospects were bright for a powerful chapter. But the Civil War called all of the twenty members of Upsilon to arms. They left a remarkable record for heroism. But Upsilon died and was not revived.

The convention of 1858, the second biennial, had been appointed to be held at Berkeley Springs, Virginia. By an unfortunate error the notices sent out misstated the time. Some of the delegates arrived too long before, and others too long after the intended time, to take part in the deliberations. The sessions lasted from August 13 to 16, 1858, William A. Hanway, Washington (Pennsylvania), '57, being president. Delegates were present from Washington (Pennsylvania), Jefferson, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Centre and Cumberland. The practice of amending the constitution at each general convention was condemned, and it was decreed that the enactments of the conventions should have the name and effect of laws, and should not be embodied in the constitution, a decision which dominated constitutional and legislative thought in Beta Theta Pi from that time forward.

The Jefferson chapter was ordered to compile the laws passed by previous conventions and send copies to the chapters. After sharp debate alumni were declared to be amenable only to the general convention and not to their individual chapters. The presiding chapter was declared to be the only proper body authorized to establish chapters, and greater care was urged in extending the fraternity. In view of the fact that nearly all of the letters of the Greek alphabet had been employed in naming the existing chapters, the method of naming chapters was indefinitely extended by directing the use of the alphabet again with the letters doubled. The use of the word "prime" to designate a defunct chapter was legalized.

The chapters were urged to maintain a more frequent correspondence and to interchange reports semi-annually. A new catalogue was ordered to be prepared by the Ohio chapter, which was directed to print 2,000 copies, and assess the chapters for the amount necessary to cover the outlay.

The rule regarding expulsions was construed as follows: The delegate from Lambda, Brother Johnson, asked the advice of the convention in regard to the case of two members of his chapter who had left the University of Michigan owing to the recent trouble between faculty and students, going to Union College where they had joined Delta Phi, a society of a similar nature to Beta Theta Pi. "Several palliating circumstances and arguments were presented, but the unanimous vote of the convention was that the offending brethren be expelled."

For thirty years longer the question of dual membership was a puzzling one. Notwithstanding this action of the convention and the constitutional provision on the subject, many Betas going to college where there was no Beta chapter joined other fraternities with a full understanding with the latter that they should retain their membership in Beta Theta Pi. In some cases this action was tolerated by the Betas, in others it was not. From the circumstances surrounding a number of such instances it seems that when

no disloyalty was intended the double membership was permitted, where disloyalty was known or suspected the member was expelled.

The convention decided to make a permanent feature of convention procedure, the method first used at the convention of 1851, by requiring that convention work should thereafter be conducted through committees appointed by the president. North Carolina was made the presiding chapter.

In September, 1858, when Zeta was preparing to turn her papers over to Eta as presiding chapter, the latter declined to accept the position, alleging that from the sudden overcrowding of the University of North Carolina with fraternities, good men were hard to get, and that Eta's lease of life was more than doubtful. At this juncture, many of the chapters urged that Theta should be made the presiding chapter, being next in regular turn, but nothing was done about it, and Zeta continued to act until 1860. The fraternity quietly continued to build up its influence, and a much better spirit and more business-like methods marked its progress. More conservative ideas were manifested in connection with the granting of new charters. Petitions were presented to the chapters from North Western Christian University (now Butler University), the University of Nashville, and Oakland (Mississippi), Beloit, Westminster (Missouri), and William and Mary Colleges, but none of them were granted. The only chapter established was Chi, which was placed at Oglethorpe University, Milledgeville, Georgia, in June, 1859, by J. P. Graham, of Davidson, the petitioners comprising a local society called the "Epsilon." Late in 1859, the new catalogue was issued.

The third biennial convention met at Columbus, Ohio, August 15, 1860, Frank C. Wilson, Washington (Virginia), '60, being president. Delegates were present from Miami, Jefferson, Indiana Asbury, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Western Reserve, Michigan, Washington (Pennsylvania), Indiana, Washington (Virginia), Wabash and Davidson. All the chapters were reported to be in good condition except Eta, at the University of North Carolina, which had not been making initiations, and was in a moribund state.

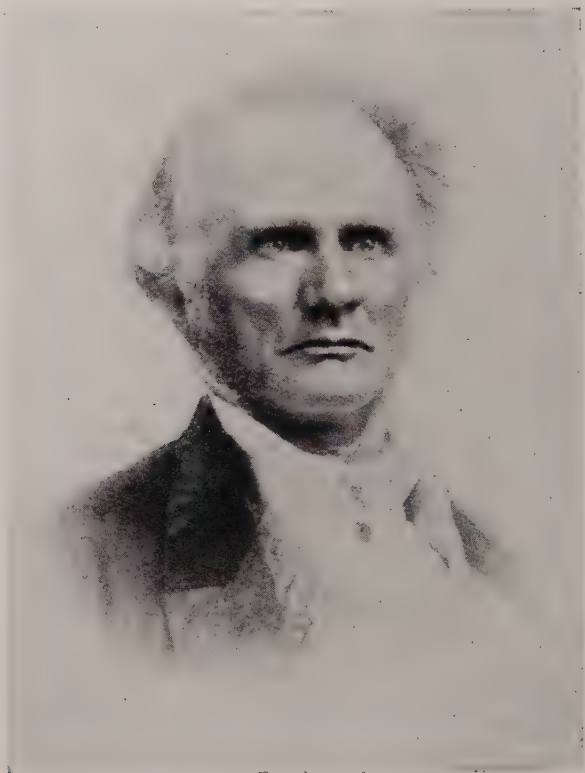
The convention recommended that no Senior should ever be made a corresponding secretary, probably to prevent the removal of a chapter's papers by the departure of the incumbent. It also enacted that in case a designated chapter refused to act as presiding chapter, the next chapter in the order of its establishment should act as such. A secondary badge was authorized by this convention, to be in the form of a watch key, displaying on one side the usual emblems of the badge and on the other side a harp and scroll, the owner's name, and the date and foundation of his chapter.

The everlasting committee on "periodical" reported that as they could devise no feasible plan for the immediate establishment of such a journal, they referred the matter back to the chapters for future consideration and action. Theta was made presiding chapter.

In October or November, 1860, Elisha Morgan of the Wabash chapter, whose home was in Beloit, Wisconsin, established a chapter in Beloit College. Report of the Oglethorpe chapter not having been received, the name Chi was given to Beloit instead of Omega, as it should have been in regular order.

Through the efforts of Alfred T. Pope, '62, of the Indiana chapter who had family connections with Bethany College leaders, Psi chapter was estab-

lished in that West Virginia institution. After his transfer from Bloomington he selected students for a new chapter, three of them being initiated by the Washington, Pennsylvania, chapter, a score or so of miles away, on June 28, 1860 and two others the next day. On December 9, 1860, taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by a supper given by the southern students of Washington College to the southern students of Bethany, the new chapter was formally announced, with Erasmus Frazier, '61, Thomas T.



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as he looked at sixty years

Holton, '62, James H. Bate, '61, Benjamin S. Keene, '65, C. M. B. Thurston, '60, and William R. Cunningham '62 as charter members. The next initiates were J. D. Lowe and J. L. N. Hunt. These two, with Cunningham, Holton and Keene, had been members of a local organization called Delta Tau Delta, which, afterwards, developed into the general fraternity of that name. Cunningham and Lowe resigned from Beta Theta Pi in order to be counted founders of Delta Tau Delta.

Early in 1861 a petition for a chapter in the Kentucky Military Institute was rejected.

CHAPTER IV

THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD

The outbreak of the Civil War now rendered the situation of the chapters very precarious. Nearly all of the members of the chapters at South Carolina College, Davidson, Oglethorpe, Washington (Virginia), and University of Virginia, and a large number of the Hampden-Sydney, Cumberland and Centre chapters enlisted in the Confederate service. The Northern chapters were depleted by their members entering the Union Army, Western Reserve, Jefferson, Wabash and Hanover suffering greatly. By May 1, 1861, out of fifteen members at Ohio Wesleyan only two were left. On June 16, 1862, David H. Moore, writing from Camp Chase, near Columbus, Ohio, to a chapter mate at Ohio, said:

"There are nearly thirty Betas in camp, from Hudson, Delaware and Oxford. I tell you we have a good time. The whole of Beta chapter is here. The chapter at Camp Chase is 'Beta in the Field.' To meet Betas such as we have here is 'bliss begun below.'"

The fraternal tie was strong. Early in 1861, Theta, the presiding chapter, "received a letter from Danville, Kentucky, bearing the flag of the Southern Confederacy, but recognizing with pleasure the bonds that unite us as one." But soon all communication between the North and South ceased, and Beta Theta Pi was deprived at once of eight chapters. Bethany was in a much weakened condition, and the rest hardly held their own.

The convention of 1862 had been appointed to meet at the Mammoth Cave, Cave City, Kentucky, but Theta refused to call it for that place on account of the war. The chapters, being asked for suggestions as to place of meeting, named Detroit, Indianapolis, La Fayette (Indiana), and Dayton, Ohio, the last named city winning on a referendum. But Theta urged that the convention be postponed for a year owing to the unsettled state of the country. Iota chapter at Hanover College should have become the presiding chapter in 1862, but this chapter was weak and *sub rosa*, and Theta retained the position until 1864. Its administration led to some criticism, partly because letters sent to it were not answered promptly, and partly because of failure to call a convention. The Michigan recorder expressed the feeling in a letter to Ohio, December 9, 1863:

"We propose that all chapters write to Theta and request her to call a convention at Indianapolis on the last Wednesday in January, 1864, and, should she refuse, as she did two years ago, that we go on the same and hold it at that time and place, for there is important business which must be brought before the fraternity. Theta has had command a little longer than we can stand. She has not informed us of a single corresponding secretary this year, nor has she discharged to us a single one of her duties; in fact, she has not even written us."

The Ohio chapter and others wrote to Theta, nine chapters voting for a convention, six of them favoring Indianapolis. With some apparent testiness Theta wrote Ohio on February 11, 1864:

"You know that we, Theta, constitute the Presiding Chapter. If you should ever hear of a convention, it will be through us. Any notice by another chapter cannot be valid. We record the votes and will inform the chapters of the result."

In the meantime correspondence about expansion had been exchanged among the chapters. James H. Marshall of the Indiana chapter transferred to Williams and wanted to revive the chapter there. Western Reserve's answer was:

"We are decidedly opposed to it. We had a chapter at that college once and it 'went out.' Our society being almost entirely a Western institution and there being so much and so powerful opposition at these large Eastern colleges, Beta deems it inadvisable to get a foothold there. Our attempt at Newport, Rhode Island, in the Naval Academy, was a great failure as you know, and there was no opposition secret society at all."

William W. Knox of the Ohio Wesleyan chapter transferred to Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, and sought to establish a chapter



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there. Western Reserve chapter sent Samuel E. Williamson, at chapter expense, to Meadville to investigate the situation. He returned strongly in its favor. At least six chapters sent in favoring votes, a more successful campaign than that for a chapter in the New York Free Academy.

The reference in the letter just quoted to "our attempt at Newport, Rhode Island" was in connection with the Omega chapter at the United States Naval Academy, then located at Newport, because of the exigencies of the Civil War. Nothing could have been more ill-advised than to attempt to place a chapter in such an institution. Robert S. Ryors, who joined Pi chapter on February 1, 1862, soon left for the Naval Academy where he was admitted as a midshipman April 11, 1862. He told the Betas at Bloomington that he would start a chapter, and the Indiana chapter in its correspondence, assumed that this had been done. Ryors found in the Academy, Hugh W. McKee and John G. Talbot of the Centre chapter. On March 21, 1863, writing from a school ship, Ryors advised the Hanover chapter:

"The chapter here is composed of five members, four of which are the choice ones from a class of 200. At present we will not take in any more, but in a short time we expect to have a flourishing fraternity here. There is only one drawback to our happiness. We are a nameless set here. I was formerly a member of Pi chapter, but now I belong to a chapter which as yet is without a letter. Is there no way by which we can be christened without waiting for a convention?"

The probabilities indicate that the chapter was purely individualistic, the half-dozen members being initiated singly under the old plan of assenting to the constitution and signing the roll. There are no records of any meetings, and, except for evidences of close friendship formed, there is no trace of anything like a real chapter.

The convention of 1864 finally met at Indianapolis on August 19, John S. Roberts, Indiana, '61, being president. Delegates were present from Miami, Western Reserve, Indiana Asbury, Hanover, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Wabash. It enacted that the Miami chapter should prepare a catalogue, to be submitted to the next convention, all chapters helping by looking through old correspondence for names of members of inactive chapters. The Western Reserve chapter was assigned the duty of preparing a song book. It also recommended that the presiding chapter should appoint a committee to visit any set of petitioners for a charter, should one-third of the chapters request it. Pending petitions from Allegheny and Monmouth Colleges were rejected. One resolution passed was that "the Beta Theta Pi fraternity does not deem it for her best interests to establish chapters in Eastern institutions." The conventions were changed from biennial to annual, and the next convention was appointed to be held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, January 25, 1865, Michigan being the presiding chapter. There was one resolution of the convention which requires special consideration. It provided "that a committee of two shall be appointed by the chair to prepare an address to the Psi Upsilon fraternity, and which shall be presented to the next convention for approval."

For some years prior to this convention there had been talk of forming a union of some kind between Beta Theta Pi and Psi Upsilon. No formal communications had passed between the fraternities, and probably no official action of any kind had been taken concerning it; but a correspondence had been carried on between members and chapters of the two fraternities, and it had been perceived on both sides that if some sort of a confederation could be agreed upon, the Western fraternity would secure strong Eastern connections and the Eastern one strong Western connections. The subject is mentioned in inter-chapter correspondence as early as 1857, and the circular letter of the Convention of 1858 contained a paragraph:

"The question of union with Psi Upsilon did not come before us. No proposition of union had been made by them, and, as a former effort at such union failed, we could not, with self-respect, propose it again."

The suggestion was revived in 1861 and was favorably discussed during that year and the one following. The war greatly crippled Beta Theta Pi, while Psi Upsilon, having no Southern chapters, and none, in fact, south of New York City, was scarcely affected by it, if at all, and it was felt by many Betas just at this time that perhaps it might be to the advantage of the fraternity if some such arrangement could be made. The Michigan and Western Reserve chapters, both of which were in active competition with fraternities of Eastern origin, were anxious to secure this alliance, and

the legislation of the convention of 1864 must be viewed with these facts in mind.

J. B. Root was the Michigan delegate to the convention and he used every possible means to further the project. He secured the selection of the Michigan chapter as the presiding chapter, brought about the refusal of the Allegheny and Monmouth petitions, promoted the passage of the resolution against Eastern expansion, and was behind the resolution to appoint the committee to prepare an address to Psi Upsilon. After the convention he visited the chapters of Psi Upsilon at his own expense and persuaded them to grant a charter to the Beta Theta Pi chapter at Michigan. Then "as former corresponding secretary of Lambda," in December, 1864, he notified the chapters that Lambda had resigned her charter, in mock heroics announcing



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"that nothing but stern necessity and a deep respect for Beta Theta Pi" could have induced the chapter to take the step. Then the disloyal and treacherous members of Michigan chapter were initiated into Psi Upsilon, January 26, 1865, the day after that set for the holding of the convention of Beta Theta Pi at Ann Arbor.

The letter from the Michigan chapter was as follows:

Hall of Lambda Chapter,
December 31, 1864.

"To the chapters of the B Θ Π fraternity:

It is with profound and unfeigned regret that we find it necessary for our welfare and unavoidable for our existence as a brotherhood in this university to resign our charter of the noble and dearly loved B Θ Π fraternity.

For a long time it has been with the greatest difficulty that we have maintained our superiority as a college secret society in this institution. The separation by war and probable destruction of thirteen of our chapters, the death of four others, the

continued and repeated decimation and afterwards almost total death of nearly all remaining, the unhappy condition to which we found our whole fraternity reduced at the last convention, the report of unfortunate condition and worse, the prospects in nearly every chapter in existence, the total misapprehension of the true character, objects and workings of a secret society in many chapters—all these are facts not less sad than true.

Outside, we find ourselves in circumstances no less fortunate. Our principal rival societies all have Eastern connections for the want of which we meet with obstacles insurmountable. Our university is becoming year by year more Eastern both in its character and its students. Such a train of unhappy circumstances must lead to a weakening and lowering of our present unexceptionable standing.

We think then we owe it to you as well as to ourselves to leave the name of B Θ Π in this university honored and respected, irreproachable. It is with the deepest regret that we are compelled to take this step. Yet so universal and unanimous is this opinion that this action is taken with the hearty sanction and approval of each and every member of this chapter. Yet we would not have you think that our former allegiance and vows will ever be forgotten. To you we shall ever extend our most cordial sympathy and our hearts will ever beat in unison with those "who wear the badge and bear the name of B Θ Π."

We therefore this night do solemnly renew upon our sacred honor our former pledge of secrecy and will never in thought, word or deed reveal anything that has been communicated to us of B Θ Π, and do hereby transmit to Alpha all the papers and records in our possession."

The hypocrisy and insincerity of this letter was quickly revealed when the fraternity began its investigations of the Michigan treachery. The "sacred honor" of the letter found no lodgment in the minds of the black-hearted traitors, as subsequent revelations showed that, even solemnly renewed obligations had no binding force and that "faith unfaithful kept them falsely true."

Furthermore, an illuminating account of the "great difficulties" the chapter had had in maintaining superiority, had been written by A. Eugene Mudge, one of the later traitors, to Erle Kelton of the Hanover Chapter on October 20, 1864, just two months before the letter to the chapters was issued. It said:

"Lambda is in a prosperous condition and stands first (as she always has done) among the secret societies in this college. We took compassion on seven barbarians, led them to see the error of their ways, and took them in to share our joys, so that at present we have four Seniors, two Juniors, four Sophomores and four Freshmen, making fourteen acting members besides several in the Law and Medical departments, and several resident graduates. It rather surprised the other societies to see us getting all the best men and seemingly without any exertion on our part. As we swung out one man after another you would hear them exclaiming, 'Well those Beta Thetas are rushing things this year,' implying that we were getting the start of the other societies. I can assure you that we not only have done it this year but mean to do it every year."

The traitorous members returned the chapter records to the Miami chapter, and the latter assumed the functions of the presiding chapter temporarily, and at the request of "the old members of Lambda," called a convention to meet at Detroit on February 1.

Some of those who thus basely deserted the fraternity in its time of trial, when it was crippled by the war, when thirty-seven of their own chapter mates were in the Union Army, became prominent in after life; but nothing can ever remove from them the stain of deliberate disloyalty, and the violation not only of solemn pledges of fraternal support and friendship, but also of the confidence reposed in them, which had made their chapter the executive head of the fraternity. Some twelve of the alumni of the chapter,

influenced by relatives and friends among the undergraduates, also accepted honorary membership in the Psi Upsilon chapter thus formed, but the other seventy-five remained true to their obligations.

The convention of 1865 met at Detroit, February 1, 1865, John A Kellar, Hanover, '65, being president. Its legislation, of course, was colored by the desertion of the Michigan chapter. Delegates were present from Miami, Western Reserve, Centre, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Indiana, Michigan, Indiana Asbury and Wabash.

Miami chapter was directed to compile and publish the catalogue, Delta chapter was authorized to prepare and publish a song book, and Iota chapter, at Hanover, was made the presiding chapter. It was enacted that if at any time the presiding chapter should refuse or neglect to act as such,



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then the oldest existing chapter should assume the function of presiding chapter. It was also ruled by the convention that in case of a dispute between two chapters, the presiding chapter should hear and determine the matter. The convention adopted a new grip for the fraternity.

The one loyal active member of the Michigan chapter was complimented by the following resolution, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Beta Theta Pi convention, do appreciate and approve of the course taken by Ed. C. Boudinot, in regard to the late disgraceful action of the members of Lambda chapter, and, in consideration thereof, we do hereby extend to him our heartfelt thanks for his manly bearing in maintaining the dignity and honor of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

The resolution of the convention of 1864, relative to the inexpediency of placing chapters in Eastern colleges, was revoked, as was also the resolution relative to framing an address to the Psi Upsilon fraternity. The fol-

lowing resolutions concerning the conduct of the Michigan men were also adopted:

Resolved, That the following persons (naming the disloyal members), formerly members of this fraternity, having, in joining the Psi Upsilon society, by their own action expelled themselves from the Beta Theta Pi, we, the delegates in annual convention assembled, accept and ratify the expulsion which they have forced upon us, and declare them no longer members of the Beta Theta Pi.

Resolved, That the existing chapters of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity learn with deep regret of the serious disorganization in Lambda chapter of the fraternity; that we regard this alienation of affection as partly owing to a neglect in cultivating those feelings of mutual co-operation among the chapters and fidelity to one another which are the essence and spirit of the constitution.

Resolved, That we will make an earnest endeavor to maintain a chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Michigan University, and in order to accomplish this we recommend the



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several chapters to endeavor to send some true Greeks to receive their degrees at the University of Michigan, and aid in the building up of the chapter.

This last recommendation brought immediate results. Several members transferred from other chapters. Through some years of weakness the fire on the altar was kept burning. Carefully selected students were initiated from time to time and the chapter kept alive until a favorable opportunity came to renew its old-time vigor and power.

It was a dark period for Beta Theta Pi. The chapters in existence were Alpha, Miami; Beta, Western Reserve; Gamma, Jefferson; Delta, Indiana Asbury; Theta, Ohio Wesleyan; Iota, Hanover; Kappa, Ohio; Lambda, Michigan; Xi, Knox; Pi, Indiana; Sigma, Illinois; Psi, Bethany; Chi, Beloit; Omega, the Naval Academy. And of these Illinois, Bethany, Beloit, Michigan and Naval Academy were barely alive.

Iota did excellent work as presiding chapter. Its position was one of difficulty and delicacy in the then critical position of the fraternity. Its

first action was an investigation into the status of Beta chapter at Western Reserve College. This chapter had joined with the Lambda at Michigan to promote the proposed union with Psi Upsilon and after the desertion of some of the members of the Michigan chapter it was rumored that the only reason the Beta chapter was not then in Psi Upsilon was because the latter had declined the connection, the Michigan traitors basely deserting their coworkers in the plot as soon as their own selfish desires had been satisfied. Iota put the question squarely to Beta, and received "an explanation entirely satisfactory," as she put it in her report.

Bethany College had become crippled by the war, and the two Betas representing Psi chapter had not the courage to go on, writing as follows:

BETHANY COLLEGE, *February 25, 1865*

Your fears as to our chapter having played out have been realized, since, I am sorry to inform you, our chapter is not organized this year. There are but two of us here this fall—Brother Hall and myself, and we have made no effort to reorganize. It is not possible now to explain the reasons why we have not done so. No one could appreciate them unless placed among the same circumstances. We would not however, be forgotten by our friends, and although it does not come within the scope of your duties, we would be glad to have you write to us occasionally and post us on events. We have had no intelligence for a long time of the movements of the society, and are almost entirely ignorant of its affairs.

J. L. PINKERTON

In September, 1865, a petition was received for a chapter at Monmouth College, Illinois, and the action of the fraternity being favorable, the chapter was formally established December 16, 1865, by J. E. Moffat, of Indiana, being given the name Alpha Alpha.

A petition from the Northwestern Christian University at Indianapolis (now Butler University) received the favorable votes of the chapters, and in October G. F. Hippard and J. G. Blake were appointed a committee to establish the chapter, but, upon investigation, they decided it was inexpedient to do so, and returned the charter.

In September, also, the chapter at Washington, Pennsylvania, was declared extinct and removed to Canonsburg, the site of Jefferson College, a few miles away, and was thereafter called Gamma. We anticipate a little in saying that when Washington and Jefferson Colleges were united under the name of Washington and Jefferson the site of the united college was fixed at Washington and the chapter was sometimes called Gamma, sometimes, Nu, and in 1873 Gamma Nu. Since 1876 the name Gamma has been used.

In the fall of 1865 the Washington, Virginia, chapter was re-established by Frank C. Wilson and Henry Myers, members of the chapter who lived in Lexington. The broken links of the fraternity were being repaired. On October 21, 1865, Wilson wrote to the Ohio chapter:

"After having, as it were, been out of the world for the last four years old Rho chapter once more sends greetings to Kappa. I, the other day, received from chapter Pi the first Greek letter received by Rho since the commencement of the war, and it gladdened my heart to feel that we could still grasp by the hand and greet as Betas many from whom we have been cut off for so long. . . . Take time to write us a good long letter and tell us everything that has occurred in the Beta world during the last five years. Has there been any convention since 1860 and what has been done at them? Where can the proceedings of the convention of 1860 and the succeeding conventions be obtained? Where does the next one occur and when? Which is the presiding chapter? Where do you get your badges made now? Does J. B. Kirby, 76 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut, still make them? And, if so,

at the same old price of \$6.00, and if not, who is the maker and at what price? We have some new men who will soon want badges."

Having learned the identity of the presiding chapter Wilson sent it formal notice on November 4, 1865, that the college had been reopened and the chapter re-established. On December 4 he wrote William F. Boyd at Ohio:

" . . . I see in reading over the minutes sent me that the grip has been changed by the convention. We still have the old one, and I know not how to get the new. Of course it cannot be described in a letter. Can we not manage in this way: You write out in a cipher which you can devise for the occasion a minute description of it which you can send in a letter to me. Then, after I acknowledge the receipt of it, in your next letter send me the key to the cipher. It seems to me that there could be no sort of danger in this, and it certainly would not violate



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the spirit of the constitution in doing it. We could easily get it to Omicron and perhaps to Zeta, too, by some of us going there. . . . We have heard from Omicron. The difficulty with them is that there are no Betas there this session who were there last session, and no one knows where their archives are. There are three Greeks there, two from other chapters and one who had been there before the war. They have written to us for a copy of the constitution, so as to organize properly."

Before the end of November the presiding chapter was advised of the renewed life of Omicron at Virginia and of Mu at Cumberland. In a dramatic paragraph of a banquet speech in New York City in later years, Horace H. Lurton, then Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, described the re-establishment of the chapter by fourteen, "twelve of whom had worn the Gray and two the Blue," and declared it one of the first of many movements to rebind South to North.

While these chapters were being re-established the Naval Academy chap-

ter became inactive in December, 1865, and Beloit and Illinois were practically dead.

On November 18, 1865, an interesting query was presented to the presiding chapter by Mu at Cumberland, "whether a Freemason can become a member of our fraternity or not." The minutes of the same meeting state, "Some Greek songs which had just turned up were sung."

In December, Louis H. Jackson, the last initiate of the Illinois College chapter, who had transferred to the State University of Iowa, requested authority to establish a chapter there. His request, when placed before the chapters, received favorable action, but the establishment of the chapter was delayed. In November, a petition for the revival of the chapter at Cincinnati in the law school was placed before the chapters, and received five negative and five affirmative votes, and in January, 1866, was declared rejected.

In March, 1866, Zadok D. Harrison, Oglethorpe, '62, requested permission to reorganize that chapter. He was informed that as he was thought to be the only surviving member of the chapter and had possession of its records, he needed not other authority to act. Fortunately, however, the chapter was not re-established, for, shortly thereafter, the institution itself ceased to exist. Iota made strenuous efforts to revive the chapters at Centre, Hampden-Sydney, Davidson, and North and South Carolina, but met with no immediate success.

As Miami had but one member during the year, the presiding chapter relieved him of the duty of publishing the catalogue, and took possession of the manuscript. The steel plate from which the frontispiece was printed was burned with Pike's Opera House at Cincinnati, and the catalogue of 1866 consequently was published with a poor lithograph copy of the design.



JEFFERSON COLLEGE AT CANONSBURG

CHAPTER V

RECONSTRUCTION AND RECONSECRATION

The convention of 1866 was held May 1 and 2, at the Spencer House, Cincinnati, John Y. Rusk, Ohio Wesleyan, '66, being president. Delegates were present from Miami, Western Reserve, Indiana Asbury, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Ohio, Cumberland, Jefferson, Wabash, Knox and Indiana, and Centre, though inactive, was allowed representation. A committee on ritual was appointed. Indiana Asbury chapter was directed to collect the money to pay for the song book. A proposition to unite with Zeta Psi was decisively rejected with a declaration "never to unite with any other secret society in a manner demanding any surrender of identity."

A letter from William W. Eastman of the presiding chapter at Hanover, written April 12, 1866, stated that the Zeta Psi proposition came from that fraternity through John A. Kellar. The latter was one of the helpful Betas who migrated to Michigan, after the treachery there, to help keep the chapter alive. In 1865 and 1866 Zeta Psi at Ann Arbor was in bad shape. Its chapter had two members in the class of '65 and the '66 and '67 members were mostly in the law school. There had been slow recovery from a blow in 1862 when twelve members withdrew because of internal troubles in the chapter. So the Michigan chapter of Zeta Psi proposed that it join with the weakened chapter of Beta Theta Pi to make a strong Michigan chapter and an effective Western-Eastern fraternity.

In its report to the convention the presiding chapter stated that on May 4, 1865, it had sent to the chapters a proposal that a diploma plate should be made for the fraternity, and that each member, upon becoming a college graduate, should receive a diploma from his chapter. This idea, the germ of the later "shingle," was not favorably received.

It also reported the receipt on May 11, 1865, of a communication from D. J. Jenkins, of Auburn, New York, stating that he designed to publish a book on "Secret Societies in Colleges," and asking for information concerning the fraternity. Subsequently he announced that he would be unable to publish the proposed book.

The legislation of this convention was not very important. The lesson of the establishment of two chapters named Chi was heeded in the enactment that:

"New chapters shall be established, and charters and copies of the constitution furnished, only by the presiding chapter, or by its order, and no chapter shall recognize a new chapter until informed of its establishment by the presiding chapter."

It was also enacted that chapters should thereafter be named by doubling the letters of the Greek alphabet, viz., Alpha Alpha, Beta Beta, etc., and that the priority of a chapter should be determined by the date of its foundation and not by its alphabetical designation. Kappa, at Ohio University, was made the presiding chapter for the next year.

The convention ended with an evening session at which the Hon. James B. Black, Indiana Asbury, '61, Lt. Colonel of the Eighteenth Indiana Volun-

teers, read a spirited poem entitled "The Battle of Cedar Creek," closing with the stanza:

"We, the survivors, here
Bury our enmities,
Dropping a silent tear
O'er the sad memories.
Heirs and co-heirs are we—
Let us be friends again,
Cherishing liberty,
Birthright of ev'ry man,
Bondman and free."

and at the banquet which followed the same sentiment was echoed in one of the toasts, drunk standing and responded to by Captain James R. Carnahan, late of the Eighty-sixth Indiana Volunteers.

The Beta Theta Pi fraternity! May she, armed with the divine power of Love, walk forth upon the troubled waters of our national existence; bid them "Peace, be still," call prosperity from the buried past, confidence from our association, and bestow universal joy upon our Country!"

The Hanover chapter minutes of April 11, 1866, note a letter received from Strobridge & Co. of Cincinnati, stating that the plate for printing the frontispiece of the catalogue, the pin and the seal had been destroyed "at the time of the recent fire in Cincinnati." A month later, May 10, 1866, Middleton Strobridge & Co. offered to engrave a new plate for the catalogue and print 750 impressions, and engrave a seal for \$156. On May 29, 1886, the following bid was received from Joseph B. Boyd of Cincinnati:

"I can print 1000 catalogues of 112 pages on the finest paper (tinted if you like it) for \$400."

This bid was accepted and on June 8, 1866, the chapter voted to publish an edition of 1,000 copies. This catalogue showed 1675 members and Will W. Eastman, recorder of the presiding chapter, was its editor.

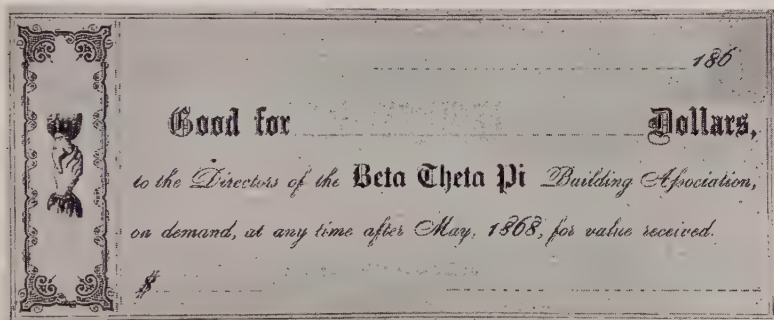
The administration of Kappa, which extended to April, 1867, was uneventful. The chapter at the State University of Iowa was established in the spring of 1866, under the name of Beta Beta. During this year, also, the Hampden-Sydney chapter was revived, through the efforts of Edward H. Barnett, an alumnus of the chapter, and Robert H. Nall, of the Oglethorpe chapter, who were attending the theological seminary located at the same place. Edwin H. McAulay, Davidson, '60, also revived the Davidson chapter. It lived but a short time, however, due to the enforcement of strict anti-fraternity laws, only four members being admitted.

On January 18, 1867, the Gamma Gamma chapter was established at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, by two members of the Ohio Wesleyan chapter, Edward Thomson, '69, and Homer S. Mouser, '67, the ceremonies taking place in a large back room of a bookstore kept by James W. Dunn of the Indiana Asbury chapter. One Junior, three Sophomores and a Freshman were initiated, three of whom had "had propositions from Phi Kappa Psi." A petition from the Northwestern Christian University, again presented to the fraternity, was rejected.

The convention of 1867 met at Indianapolis, April 9 and 10, the president being General John Coburn, the founder of the Wabash chapter. The convention was well attended and enthusiastic, but as the presiding chapter only prepared and sent to the chapters a meager synopsis of its legislative enact-

ments in place of the minutes, we know little about the details of its work. The feature by which it will be best remembered was a proposition by David H. Moore, Ohio, '60, that the fraternity should build a \$10,000 temple at Oxford, Ohio. It was planned as a depository for the records and archives and also as a shrine to be visited by Beta pilgrims. There was no thought of a chapter house in the modern sense. The subject was considered by the chapters during the following months but was not favorably received. One letter which has been preserved gives an idea of the opposition:

"We, as a chapter, are unanimously opposed to it for two reasons which we consider valid. It localizes Beta Theta Pi and causes us to meet in one place all the time, and this takes away some of the interest in our conventions . . . in the second place the cost is an important consideration, for the sum specified will not build such a temple as we would desire and as we ought to build. If we build a temple it should be something that would last for ages and which it would be an



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object to see and, finally, something which no similar Western society could possibly eclipse. According to our ideas \$100,000 is the least that should be expended in such a building."

Anticipating a bit it may be stated at this point that the convention of 1868 rejected the proposition, which, however, persisted in the thought of the members for some years, one of the early issues of the fraternity magazine, founded in 1872, containing a cut showing the design favored.

The convention made amendments to the constitution eliminating all of the esoteric work of the fraternity from its records, providing that the president of each convention should be an alumnus, and permitting the establishment of alumni chapters, giving the latter no power to elect or initiate new members. The establishment of a fraternity magazine was also discussed. Mu, at Cumberland University, was made the presiding chapter, and it was decided that the convention of 1868 should meet at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky.

In a letter written from Memphis, Tennessee, June 30, 1867, by James P. Coffin to his classmate, close friend and chapter comrade, Stephens Croom of Mobile, is the following interesting account of what may have been the first organization of alumni in Beta Theta Pi:

"There are some ten or fifteen old members of the Beta Theta Pi Association here and we have organized ourselves into a sort of local club which we call the 'Memphis Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity'. We have as yet adopted no definite plan of

action but intend to make it a sort of mutual benefit affair. We have met several times and I enjoy the evenings very much indeed. Seven or eight different chapters are represented in our organization; two from Ohio, two from Indiana, one from Pennsylvania, some from Lebanon, one from Columbia, one from Virginia (a preacher), and John Hines, Ned Beasley and myself from our old chapter. At the last meeting a resolution was passed requesting each member to write to any old Betas he might select, informing them of our organization and requesting from them a communication expressive of their views of our organization."

During the year 1867-68, much work was done in the matter of consolidating the fraternity. Petitions for chapters were received from the Virginia Military Institute, the University of Georgia, Washington University, Iowa Wesleyan University and Yale College. The individual still remained the potent factor in extension rather than the character, equipment and prospects of an institution. Wherever a "true Greek" believed he could find a few worthy students, there the fraternity was willing to go. The last two institutions named were favorably acted upon. The Yale matter was placed in the hands of George H. Perkins, Knox, '67, afterwards a professor in the University of Vermont and the State Entomologist, who was then a student at Yale. He finally reported that he was unable to establish the proposed chapter.

On March 5, 1868, Delta Delta chapter at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, was established by John A. Keller, Hanover, '65. In the hall of the Philolethian Literary Society, in the afternoon of that day, he initiated as charter members Frank C. King, '70, Charles M. Napton, '70, Thomas N. McClelland, '70, George C. Heard, '70, Archibald Gamble, '71, and James B. Snell, '71. Soon after the new chapter admitted William H. Wallace, '71, and Thomas W. Shaw, '71.

On Saturday evening, June 8, 1868, James S. Castle, Knox, '70, initiated six students of Iowa Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, as charter members of the Epsilon Epsilon chapter, John A. Shreiner, '68, William R. Pearson, '68, Chester L. Collins, '68, Dillon H. Payne, '69, Robert A. Burton, '69, and Horace A. Kelley, '70.

During the year the Jefferson and Ohio chapters existed with difficulty because of anti-fraternity laws. The Miami and Hanover chapters were each reduced to small numbers, and the Davidson chapter became extinct. Applications for alumni chapters at Nashville and Clarksville, Tennessee, were favorably acted upon, and the former was established under the name of Zeta Zeta.

The place of holding the convention of 1868 was changed by the presiding chapter, the others consenting, to Nashville, Tennessee, and it was held there July 14, 15 and 16, the sessions being held in the Senate Chamber of the State capitol. Robert L. Caruthers, Jr., Cumberland, '58, was president. Delegates were present from Asbury, Hampden-Sydney, Ohio Wesleyan, Cumberland, Washington and Lee, Wabash, Jefferson, Miami, Western Reserve, Hanover, Virginia, Nashville Alumni and Centre (inactive). It was the first convention at which an alumni chapter was represented.

The convention placed the matter of compiling and publishing a song book in the hands of the Western Reserve chapter. It also directed the publication and distribution of its minutes. The building of the Beta temple was postponed indefinitely, as little had been subscribed for the purpose and less paid in. A ritual was adopted, and the new presiding chapter was directed to furnish the chapters with copies. Springfield, Ohio, was chosen

as the next place of meeting, and Xi chapter at Knox College was made the presiding chapter. This convention provided a means of raising revenue for the current expenses of the fraternity by levying an annual tax of one dollar upon each member of every chapter, undergraduate and alumni; it also prescribed a form for the credentials of the delegates to the conventions, and appointed a committee to design a grand seal. The session concluded with an eloquent address by the Hon. James W. Blackmore, Centre, '63, Cumberland, '67, which was published in full in the minutes of the convention.

The administration of the Knox chapter was as vigorous and successful as the work of an undergraduate chapter could be. Under it, after learning that chapters might possibly be established at several institutions, the question was put before the chapters for mail vote as to whether permission would be given to establish chapters at such institutions irrespective of the *personnel* of the proposed charter members, the character and standing of the institution itself alone being considered. In this manner permission was granted to establish chapters at the Virginia Military Institute, Denison University, Washington University (Missouri), the University of Chicago and the University of Kentucky, and for an alumni chapter at Chicago.

The chapter at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, was established December 23, 1868, by Thomas J. Duncan, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, under a commission from the presiding chapter. He initiated as charter members of Eta Eta chapter Frederick Clatworthy, '69, Henry A. Delano, '69, Henry A. Wise, '70, John J. Powell, '70, Clarence M. Rupe, '70, Orlando B. Scobey, '70, Charles J. Seaman, '71, and William T. Burns, '71. The petitioners had constituted one of the chapters of Kappa Phi Lambda, a fraternity which had several chapters in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan but disintegrated because of the arbitrary and despotic methods of its founding chapter at Jefferson College. Composed of exceptionally able students Eta Eta chapter at once took a prominent place in Denison life and its members manifested an immediate and constructive interest in the larger affairs of the national organization of Beta Theta Pi.

The Virginia Military Institute chapter at Lexington, Virginia, was named Theta Theta. It was formally constituted sometime in the spring of 1869. The early members had been initiated, after careful selection, by the Washington and Lee chapter in the same town, so that, despite the attitude of the Institute authorities, it started well equipped for fraternity work. It had a remarkable scholarship record, and Charles Duy Walker, '69, one of its early members was the founder of the fraternity magazine.

The chapter at Washington University was called Iota Iota. It was organized April 1, 1869, by Shepard Barclay, James B. Gantt and Thomas J. Scott, all of the Virginia chapter, who initiated Vernon W. Knapp, '69, David R. Francis, '70, Eugene B. Jones, '70, and Edward J. Gay, Jr., '71, as charter members. The chapter did not get well rooted and became inactive after a few years.

The Chicago Alumni chapter was not named Lambda Lambda as it should have been if precedent were followed, but was called "Alpha Alumni" chapter, the presiding chapter stating as the reason that "alumni chapters cannot be expected to have the same energy and maintain a correspondence equal with college chapters, and we could not expect to impose upon them the

duties of a presiding chapter; so that it seems to us very proper that their letters should be given them separate from those of the college chapters, for example, Alpha Alumni, Beta Alumni." This method was adopted by the next convention.

The proposed chapter at the University of Chicago, named Lambda Lambda, never got on its feet. An attempt to form it was made by Charles R. Henderson and Charles Calkins, who were initiated as its charter members. When they sought to increase their membership, however, they learned that chapters of some four other fraternities had already been organized, making it difficult to secure the proper kind of material. One of their pledges left college, and, despite the efforts of the Chicago Alumni to assist, no progress was made. The chapter, although given a place on the roll, never had any real activity. It had eight members. A chapter at the University of Kentucky was not established, by the advice of two Beta members of the faculty, on account of anti-fraternity laws.

The loyalty of the Beta chapter at Western Reserve had been suspected since the desertion of Lambda in 1865, and, although it was called to account by the Iota chapter and made "an entirely satisfactory explanation" of its attitude, subsequent events showed the "explanation" to have been part of deliberate treachery which with full knowledge of all the active members was developed through three years of plotting. The record book of the chapter tells the story. As early as May 21, 1861, "Brother Gaylord moved that the corresponding secretary be instructed to write to each chapter asking their opinion on union with Psi Upsilon Society." This was again brought up in a meeting on June 23, 1863. The chapter strongly supported the Michigan plotters in the underhanded acts of the convention of 1864. It revealed its inner spirit on May 2, 1865, when a motion was introduced "to receive the minutes of the last convention at Detroit, with the exception of the resolution in favor of Boudinot, the proposition to change the grip, and the re-establishment of Lambda."

During the next three years rumors were current in the fraternity of Beta's disloyalty. Members of the fraternity in Eastern colleges were told by members of other organizations about letters written from Hudson by members of Beta chapter. As has been stated the Michigan traitors left their Reserve aids outside the walls when Psi Upsilon indicated that it did not want the latter. Rejected by Psi Upsilon, deserted by those whose treason they had countenanced and supported, and distrusted by loyal Betas, the active members of Beta chapter stooped to deeds which in themselves explain why each one of them always afterward was uncomfortable in the presence of a Beta Theta Pi and unable to look him squarely in the eye. The chapter performed its duties and, outwardly, was loyal, but at the same time it was pushing its plan for an eastern connection.

The chapter minutes run along in the usual style until September 8, 1868, when the first meeting of the college year was held. There is a significant passage in the record:

"The society then went into the committee of the whole on the state of the chapter, and reported favorably as far as regards the chapter but somewhat unfavorably in regard to the fraternity at large."

The minutes of September 22, 1868, furnish no indication of what was brewing, but on September 29, 1868,

"The president then stated that he had, with the expressed consent and desire of all the members of the chapter, corresponded with the principal chapters of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and that he had forwarded to the Yale chapter of said society a petition signed by every member of the society for the organization of a chapter of that Fraternity at Western Reserve College. He stated that several favorable and one unfavorable replies had been received and suggested that some measures be taken by the chapter as a chapter in this regard. The chapter then concluded that a delegate to the Δ K E convention should be selected who should endeavor to secure a charter. Brother Williams was unanimously selected and empowered to act as a delegate from the chapter and make all arrangements to secure the desired object."

On October 15, 1868, the minutes record:

"Brother Williams who had just returned from the convention of the Δ K E society reported that the petition of the members of the chapter had been granted; but that all the formalities had not yet been attended to"

and then, in spite of this report of treachery completed, the chapter proceeded to initiate four candidates into Beta Theta Pi, administering vows of sacred fidelity while their hearts were black with perfidy. In the same fashion had their ilk at Michigan initiated nine students into the Lambda chapter just before fourteen of that chapter joined Psi Upsilon.

On October 27, and again on November 10, letters were read from Beta chapters and things were as usual, except that

"Williams also read letters from several alumni of the chapter, approving the action of the chapter as to its union with the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity."

In the same meeting, the minutes continue:

"The president then laid before the chapter a communication from the Yale chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity relative to the granting of a charter to the members of this chapter. On motion it was resolved that the president, with two others to be by him appointed, be constituted a committee of three to draft resolutions relative to the dissolution of the chapter as a branch of the Beta Theta Pi. The president appointed Brothers Beach and Williamson."

A recess of twenty minutes was then taken, when "Brother Williamson" reported for the committee:

"Whereas the Beta chapter is not an incorporated society under the laws of the State of Ohio and cannot therefore hold property as a society, *Resolved*, that this hall and all furniture and all other property belonging to or held in the name of the Beta Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi is the property in common of the persons constituting said chapter and not the property of the Beta Theta Pi Society."

Having thus quieted their consciences, if they had any, on the property question, the traitors then sought for some way to relieve their conduct from some of its blackness. The committee evidently worked hard on its resolutions during the twenty minutes of recess! The minutes tell the story so clearly that, without comment, the remainder of the record of the evening is quoted in full:

"The following preamble and resolutions were also presented and read, as follows:

Whereas, it was resolved by the Triennial Convention of the Beta Theta Pi Society, held at Hudson, Ohio, on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th days of August, 1848, "that it is the opinion of this Convention that the Constitution does not confer power upon any chapter to declare itself dissolved, no power being competent to place a chapter in that situation but the Triennial Convention," but

Whereas, no such provision is now nor ever has been incorporated in the constitution; and

Whereas, in the year 1851, after the passage of the above resolution, the chapters at Williams College and at Brown University did so declare their dissolution; and

Whereas, the Triennial Convention held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the 8th

and 9th days of August 1851, recognized the fact of the dissolution of said chapters and by their own act; and the said Convention did not contravene their right so to declare themselves dissolved; therefore

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this chapter that the above resolution conflicts with the rights of chapters as developed in the history of the society and that it is antagonistic to the principles upon which the society is founded; that its passage by the Convention of 1848 was in direct conflict with the article of the Constitution which defines the powers of the Convention; and that the action of the Convention of 1851 declared it by implication null and void;

Resolved, that this chapter has and of right ought to have the power to sever its connection from the Beta Theta Pi Society; and

Be it further resolved by the Beta Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi society that, when the chapter adjourns, such adjournment shall be held to be a dissolution of said chapter.

After a somewhat extended discussion in which many praises were given to the Beta Theta Pi the resolutions were unanimously adopted. The following resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the pledges we have made to the Beta Theta Pi society be kept in good faith and that we will never betray the trust so long reposed in us.

Resolved, that we will continue to cherish the warmest feelings of personal regard for our brothers in Beta Theta Pi and deeply regret that this step has been rendered necessary by local causes and, as it seems to us, the unwise policy of the society by lowering its standards by an almost indiscriminate granting of charters.

Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to burn all books, papers, and correspondence belonging or referring to the Beta Theta Pi Society that are now in the possession of this chapter.

There being no further business, before the chapter adjourned, the minutes were read and approved. On motion the president declared the meeting adjourned and the Beta Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi dissolved.

Attest: ELWOOD WILLIAMS, *Pres.*
C. R. BALDWIN, *Secy.*

For purposes of record it may be here stated that, also like their Michigan co-operators, their pledges to Beta Theta Pi were not "kept in good faith" and that "the trust so long reposed in us" was betrayed. The records were not burned, but were kept by the Delta Kappa Epsilon chapter for many years and long after the chapter of Beta Theta Pi had been re-established when a new generation returned them to their rightful possessors.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon charter to its 38th chapter, named Beta Chi, was dated November 17, 1868. It was delivered by Edward Heaton, Yale '69, who installed the chapter December 1, 1868. The charter members were "Bros. Williams, 1869; Warner, Williamson, Sherman, 1870; Baker, Baldwin, Dodge, Hine, Kennan, Latimer, Vance, Beach, Hanford, 1871; Gaylord, Hoyt and Sherwood, 1872—sixteen in all, a goodly company"—so a Δ K E writer reported in the fraternity's *Quarterly* in December, 1914.

A printed letter announcing the change of fealty was sent out by the traitors to the several chapters, being read to the Hanover chapter, for instance, at a meeting on December 10, 1868, when there was presented also a letter from Xi, the presiding chapter, reporting the expulsion of Beta chapter for disloyalty. Notice of the expulsion was published in the *Chicago Journal* and several other western papers.

Because of the distrust of the Beta chapter which had been growing for several years its action was discounted and had little effect, if any, on the fraternity. Its main result was to cement the bonds more closely, now that the two groups of plotters had found lodgment and happiness at last in eastern alliances. As already indicated the Western Reserve traitors, less honorable even than their despised comrades at Ann Arbor, would not return the documents and records of the old Beta chapter, neither would they state

precisely who had joined in the movement, boldly claiming that the alumni of the chapter had sanctioned and approved of their course, and had entered into the new relation with them. In the absence of an adequate central authority, this deception proved effective, and the alumni of Beta chapter were generally shunned as traitors, until the work of the committee on the 1881 catalogue proved that they had been misrepresented, and that most of them were loyal.

The convention of 1860 met at Columbus, Ohio on July 7, 8 and 9, the place of meeting having been changed from Springfield by a vote of the chapters. General Robert W. Smith, Williams, '51, was president, and delegates were present from Miami, Asbury, Hanover, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio,



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Cumberland, Wittenberg, Indiana, Virginia, Monmouth, Wabash, Westminster, Iowa Wesleyan, Denison, Chicago and the Chicago Alumni.

The convention did little work of importance. It passed a resolution requesting the co-operation of other similar societies in boycotting educational institutions where anti-fraternity laws were existing. The scheme for publishing a monthly fraternity magazine was urged by the delegate from the Cumberland chapter, was referred to a committee, and postponed

to the consideration of some subsequent meeting of the fraternity in convention, when, by the re-establishment of numerous chapters in the South, and new chapters in other parts of the country, the triumph of so large an enterprise may be better secured.

It was directed that every fifth convention should be a quinquennial, and that the catalogue should be published immediately after each such convention, beginning with 1870. Asbury, which had been appointed a committee to publish the song book in place of Beta, reported little progress,

and the Wabash and Indiana chapters were added to the committee. The method of naming the alumni chapters suggested by the presiding chapter was adopted. This convention also adopted a grand seal, of which the following was the technical description:

"Argent, in sinister chief, a book or, bearing crossed swords and key; proper a bend cottised azure bearing three mullets, or, and in dexter base, a wreath surrounding clasped hands, supporting a heart inflamed, all proper."

This was the first convention in the history of Beta Theta Pi to have a report from a committee on finance. When the small amounts paid in at that time are considered there is cause for wonder how the fraternity existed at all. The truth is that necessary outlays were paid for by the enthusiastic individuals who did the work. The committee listed nineteen active and alumni chapters. Of these eight had paid in \$129, three had pledged \$56 and the other eight neither had paid nor promised. The committee showed a thrifty spirit by recommending:

"That the convention instruct the presiding chapter to place at interest whatever amount of money it may have on hand after defraying the necessary expenses of the convention."

Omicron, at the University of Virginia, was made the presiding chapter. The convention adjourned to meet at Chicago.

It is interesting to note the condition of the chapters so far as membership is concerned as numbers were reported to the convention: Miami 6, Washington and Jefferson 5, Asbury 18, Hampden-Sydney 4, Ohio Wesleyan 18, Hanover 8, Ohio 9, Cumberland 12, Knox 7, Virginia 12, Indiana 12, Washington and Lee 6, Monmouth 9, Iowa 5, Wittenberg 13, Westminster 8, Iowa Wesleyan 13, Denison 11, Washington (Missouri) 7, Virginia Military Institute 10, Chicago 3, a total active membership of 196. The individualistic idea was still dominant in the fraternity; the demands in the form of dues were practically nil; and yet the average number of members was in reality too small to do effective work, provide adequate financial resources, or to maintain a chapter when subject to the usual accidents of college experience. The chapters scarcely then realized that while two or three might prove an ideal chapter in its harmonious unity, such a chapter was devoid of strength.

The administration of the Virginia chapter was uneventful. The re-establishment of the dormant chapters at Davidson, Centre, North and South Carolina and Bethany was urged but the condition of the Southern colleges did not warrant it. The Universities of Mississippi and Georgia and Cornell College, Iowa, were also considered and abandoned as fields for extension. A petition from Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa, was rejected, and one from the University of the Pacific at Santa Clara, California, was granted, but the charter was withheld by the presiding chapter on account of the discovery of false statements in the application and the chapter was not established. A petition for the establishment of an alumni chapter at Louisville failed to receive the favorable action of a sufficient number of chapters to warrant issuing a charter.

The convention of 1870 met at Chicago, August 31, 1870, the session lasting three days, James B. Black, Indiana Asbury, '62, being president. Delegates were present from Miami, Asbury, Hampden-Sydney, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Ohio, Cumberland, Knox, Indiana, Wabash, Monmouth,

Iowa, Wittenberg, Iowa Wesleyan, Denison, and Washington (Missouri), and from the Chicago alumni chapter.

At this convention, the question of double membership again arose. It was ascertained that two of the delegates—Showalter, of Ohio, and Seaman, of Denison—were members of Eastern societies which they had joined after leaving the colleges where they were initiated into Beta Theta Pi, Showalter of Psi Upsilon and Seaman of Alpha Delta Phi. It was first ruled by the convention that "on account of their undoubted loyalty to Beta Theta Pi, expressed under all circumstances, they were admitted to the full privileges



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of the convention." The matter was then referred to a committee, whose report, which was adopted, read as follows:

We are of the opinion that all members of the Beta Theta Pi, who have joined organizations of a somewhat similar character should be regarded still as Betas, so long as they pledge fidelity and fealty to Beta Theta Pi, and are willing to show such on all occasions.

This resolution recognized a custom which, while contrary to law, had existed since the origin of the fraternity.

The manuscript of the catalogue, which had been compiled by Roger Williams, Miami, '70, with the valued assistance of a local youth who afterward became known as Dr. Albert Shaw of the *American Monthly Review of Reviews*, was presented to the convention and the Alpha Alumni chapter was directed to print it. The Denison chapter was directed to compile and publish the song book and the presiding chapter was instructed to send certified copies of the ritual and constitution to the several chapters.

A general treasurer was also suggested, who should give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties, and who "should keep all the moneys of the fraternity, paying out the same only upon order of the convention by

its president and secretary, or upon the authenticated order of the presiding chapter." This is noteworthy, from the fact that it was the first general officer provided for in any scheme of Beta government, but action was postponed indefinitely.

The name of the University of Chicago chapter was changed to Zeta Zeta, and that of the Nashville alumni chapter, formerly called Zeta Zeta, to Beta Alumni. Authority was given to Walter R. Frame, Monmouth, '70, to reorganize the Princeton Chapter. The organization of chapters at Northwestern and Wooster was recommended, and the encouragement of the Michigan chapter. Pi, at the University of Indiana, was made the presiding chapter.

Daniel W. Voorhees, Asbury, '49, then a member of Congress and afterwards United States Senator from Indiana, was the orator before this convention.

The catalogue was issued in the fall of 1870, was well printed, and quite up to the standard of similar contemporaneous publications.

The administration of the Indiana chapter was marked by general prosperity of the fraternity, the improvement of its internal methods, and plans for the establishment of new chapters. Petitions were received from Richmond College, Franklin College, Northwestern Christian University and Wooster University. In the latter case two rival sets of petitioners claimed the attention of the fraternity, with the result that action on both was postponed.

The Franklin and Northwestern Christian propositions were rejected, each on account of the low standard of the institution. The Richmond petition, though subsequently granted, did not obtain sufficient votes during this college year of 1870-71. The usual abortive attempts to inquire into the condition of and revive the inactive chapters were made. Through the efforts of J. D. S. Riggs, of the Chicago chapter, who lived in Rockford, Illinois, not far from Beloit, steps were taken to resuscitate the Beloit chapter.

During this year, the project of an alliance with some one of the Eastern fraternities, whose standing and influence were much exaggerated by a few persons interested, was much discussed. The subject had been brought before the convention of 1870, but had been postponed.

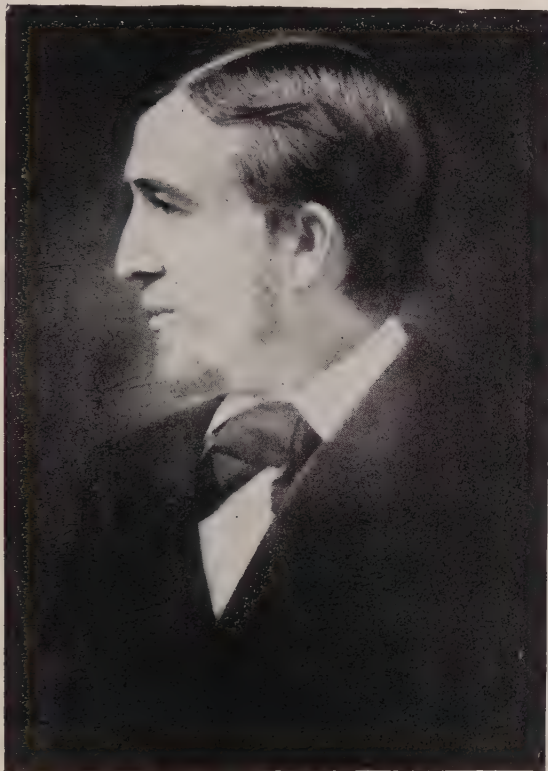
Alumni chapters were established during the year at Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

The convention of 1871 met at Indianapolis, August 30, 1871, and was in session for three days. Its president was the Hon. Oliver P. Morton, Miami, '45, famous war governor of Indiana, and delegates were present from Miami, Asbury, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Ohio, Knox, Virginia, Indiana, Washington and Lee, Wabash, Monmouth, Wittenberg, Iowa Wesleyan, Denison and Washington, and from the Chicago, Louisville and Indianapolis alumni chapters.

Charles J. Seaman, Denison, '71, who had been placed in charge of the publication of the song book, reported that the book would be published during the next college year. The presiding chapter deplored the amount of correspondence its position entailed, and asked for an appropriation to purchase a printing press, which was capped by an amendment from Harry C. Warren, Centre, '58, that it be supplied with a telegraph outfit also, and both propositions were laughed down.

The thanks of the convention were extended to Roger Williams, Miami, '70, for his work in compiling the catalogue, and to Olin R. Brouse, Asbury, '66, for superintending its publication. The committee on "Foreign Relations" reported as follows:

"After a thorough investigation of the subject we have come to the conclusion that an alliance with an Eastern organization at the present is both impracticable and unnecessary, and that, although temporarily weakened by the defection of Beta and Lambda, we have by no means lost our hold in our own territory, the South and



ROGER WILLIAMS, *Miami*, '70

West; and if individual Betas and the different chapters will only keep in view Virgil's "*Labor omnia vincit*," our future is secure, and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity will rise to a still higher position of influence and power."

This report, presented by Charles J. Seaman of Denison and Harry C. Warren of Centre, was unanimously adopted. It was epoch marking. It ended an era and began a new one. For twenty years leaders in Beta Theta Pi had been thinking and talking and planning about possible alliances with Eastern fraternities. The inter-chapter correspondence reflected the thought; it found expression in conventions and in the chapter meetings. It led to treachery and secession and bitterness. From this time on Beta Theta Pi was to go forward on its own merits, exalting its own ideals, building up for the years ahead. A small group of determined souls took charge of affairs. Within eight years they took control from undergraduates

and placed it with alumni; they created the important new offices of General Secretary and General Treasurer; they established the fraternity magazine; they introduced the district system of administration; they formulated a new constitution; they took from the constitution its esoteric features and phrased them in a separate ritual; they magnified sentiment and idealism; they collected songs and sang them; they stimulated and made appealing the thought of Beta Theta Pi as a national fraternity. Their labor did conquer all things. Their names: Charles Duy Walker, of Virginia Military Institute; Olin R. Brouse, of Indiana Asbury; Charles J. Seaman, of Denison; Amandus N. Grant, of Indiana Asbury; John I. Covington, of Miami; Edward J. Brown, of Hanover; George C. Rankin, of Monmouth; Robert W. Smith, of Williams; Wyllys C. Ransom, of Michigan; and toward the end of that reconstruction, Willis O. Robb and Eugene Wambaugh of Ohio Wesleyan; and, before his untimely death, Roger Williams, of Miami.

The Miami chapter was instructed to submit to the next convention a design for a skeleton badge, and, after a spirited debate, an amendment was made to the constitution that—

An alumni chapter may, by an unanimous vote, recommend a person for membership in the nearest chapter located at a college, and, upon such recommendation, such college chapter may elect and initiate such person as a member of such college chapter in the manner provided elsewhere.

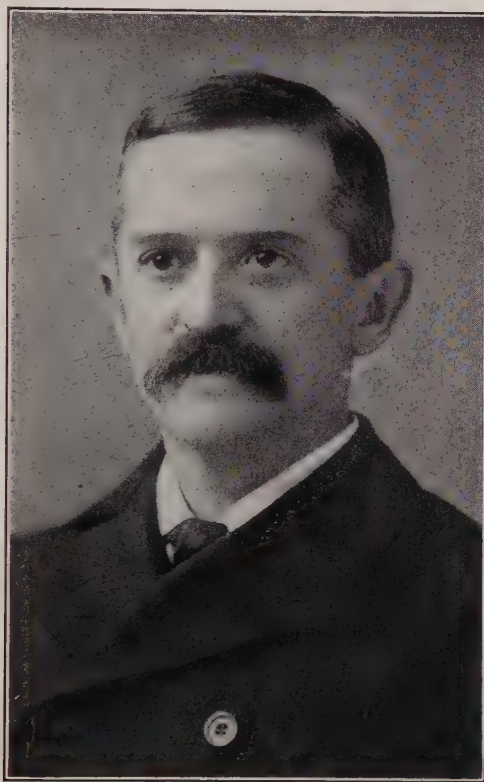
This provision was never used so far as the records show.

Chaplain J. Hogarth Lozier, of Indiana Asbury, who had presented to the convention of 1869 a Legend of Wooglin, was requested to prepare an application of it to chapter life, and a resolution was passed thanking Miss Katie Randolph Sheets for dedicating the "Students' Galop" to the fraternity. Rho, at Washington and Lee, was made the presiding chapter, and the convention terminated at a banquet given by the resident alumni.

The new presiding chapter was distant from the center of the fraternity, but its splendid personnel made light of this obstacle. The chapter straightened out the general correspondence of the fraternity, and placed it upon such a basis that the establishment of *The Beta Theta Pi* may be said to have resulted from it. It introduced business-like methods, and demanded of the chapters stricter attention to their duties. Rho felt that it was incumbent upon her to endeavor to resuscitate the dead chapters in the Southern states, and a vigorous attempt was made in that direction. It was unsuccessful, except at Centre and at Bethany.

In the fall of 1871, Epsilon chapter, at Centre College, Kentucky, was re-established through the efforts of the Beta professors in the faculty. This had been a fine chapter, and maintained a high stand previous to the outbreak of the Civil War. The chapter was divided by that struggle, and its members attained eminence in both contending armies. It ceased to exist in 1862, and remained dormant for nine years. Psi, at Bethany, was revived through the efforts of the chapter at Washington (Pennsylvania). A large mass of information in regard to Northwestern University, the University of Georgia and Randolph-Macon College was collected and placed before the chapters in view of possible extension, and in December, 1871, Kappa Kappa chapter was established at Richmond College through the efforts of William A. Thom, Jr., and William C. Powell of the Virginia Military Institute chapter, who were aided by William T. Thom of Rho. An alumni chapter was organized in Richmond at the same time.

On May 18, 1872, Lambda Lambda chapter was established at the University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, after some delay occasioned by competing petitions, each including the name of John W. Cummings. The Virginia chapter, then presiding, appointed Simon P. Keifer, Wittenberg, '74, to investigate and after his report John Wallace Cummings, '73, was initiated by Theta chapter at Delaware, Ohio. Returning to Wooster he initiated Rush Taggart, '71, at the latter's home, and they then admitted as charter members with them Frank Taggart, '74, Reid Carpenter, '75, C. H. Purmont, '75, A. T.



JOHN I. COVINGTON, *Miami*, '70

Robertson, '75, and Daniel Butterfield, '73, the initiation taking place in Cummings' room on Beale avenue.

A hasty and ill-advised act led to the establishment by Samuel R. Booker of Hampden-Sydney of a chapter at Howard College, Marion, Alabama. It was organized late in the collegiate year 1871-72. The college was under Baptist control, had a military organization and strict regulations against secret societies. Our chapter alternately weakened and flourished as these regulations were enforced or relaxed. Its charter was finally withdrawn by the convention of 1880. Chaplain Lozier, whose home was in Franklin, Indiana, at the time, organized a group in Franklin College and urged strongly

that a charter be granted it but the proposition was rejected when placed before the chapters for action. An alumni chapter was formed at Cincinnati.

During the college year Alpha, at Miami University, had but one member, and finally became inactive. At Cumberland University the entire membership of the chapter left college. Beta Beta, at the University of Iowa, was torn by internal dissensions, and Iota Iota, at Washington University was practically inactive. Theta, at Ohio Wesleyan, secured a new lease of life by the repeal of anti-fraternity laws, mainly through the efforts of the Reverend David H. Moore, Ohio, '60. The remainder of the active chapters were in good condition, securing good men, and showing great interest in their work. Pi, at Indiana University, was in especially fine condition; in fact, it stood so far above its rivals that one rival chapter made a proposition to join it in a body.

The convention of 1872 met August 21, at Richmond, Virginia, under the auspices of the newly established college and alumni chapters situated there. Charles J. Seaman, Denison, '71, was president. Delegates were present from Indiana Asbury, Hampden-Sydney, Hanover, Ohio, Washington and Jefferson, Virginia, Washington and Lee, Wabash, Bethany, Monmouth, Iowa Wesleyan, Denison, Virginia Military Institute, Richmond and Miami. These fifteen, with three delegates from alumni chapters and eleven visitors, twenty-nine in all, made up the convention. Seventeen of the twenty-nine were from Virginia or Virginia chapters, and Edward J. Brown of Hanover, attending his first convention, recalled one feature as he wrote a half century later:

"There were some noble Virginia Betas present. But these did not rally to the convention as it was hoped they would. I recall that in a public talk one of them stated they did not receive the Betas from the North and West. These latter received them."

While the fraternity, in its routine fashion of passing along the administrative leadership from chapter to chapter in alphabetical order, had made Mu at Cumberland and Omicron at Virginia the presiding chapter, even though each was just recently re-organized after the quiescence of the war period, the "late unpleasantness" was by no means forgotten. The Richmond convention of Beta Theta Pi played its part in reuniting South and North.

Because of the determination of the group of reconstructors of the fraternity already mentioned the convention was successful, and equalled in enthusiasm and good work many of the larger meetings held since. Professor William Allan of the University of Virginia was elected president of the convention out of honor, but he attended no session, so that vice-president Charles J. Seaman of Denison guided the proceedings of this historic meeting. The long-discussed secondary badge was adopted, not in the shape of a watch-key as favored by the Virginia chapters, but in the following design made in collaboration by Charles J. Seaman and Charles T. Thompson of the Denison chapter:

Gold laurel wreath, in skeleton, not more than five-eighths of an inch in diameter; bearing three gold stars, at left, top and right side of wreath, respectively, the stars marked with the Greek letters, Beta, Theta, Pi, in order as above named; the wreath-band bearing the chapter letter in Greek, and the ends of the wreath-band bearing the letters Alpha, Omega, Lambda, Theta (all above lettering to be in black enamel); on reverse side of wreath the name of owner; in center of wreath a diamond with skeleton supports.

Question of the constitutionality of such a badge being raised, the com-

EXHIBIT Q.

(WRITTEN IN DOG LATIN BY REQUEST.)

Ama Me. Ama "Dorgum" meum !

Quis crudus ! Quis crudus ! pro patre Wooglin, et suo "Dorgo"
Silente bob-canda-ed

MUTATIO HOSPITIUM RICHMOND, VA. }
a. d. X Kal. Sept. MDCCCLXXII. }

Frater O. R. Brousus, ab Alpha Alumni, sedile honoris habuit. Ad dextram Frater, W. H. G. Adneyus, ab Kappa; ad sinistram Frater Carolus J. Nauta, ab Alpha Eta, sermones suos festiuitate et lepore coniunt. Apud alterum mensae terminum Frater Johannes I. Covingtonus ab Epsilon Alumni squattuit: ad dextram, Frater Johannes S. Sapiens, ab Omicron verborum sono luduit, et purpus suus "Damsiegono" aurem scabit et caudam wiggleit; ad sinistram Frater Carolus D. Ambulator, ab Alpha Theta, pro pullo gallinaceo frixo iuit: Nos caneni-um taurinum coenam habuimus. Omnes Fellowrum grubum frigidum ferierunt. Etiam sortes cantauimus. Sed villaticuscaniscaudare descriptionem meam me oportet. Quam omnes discenti sunt nempe Frater Hixus, ab Alpha Theta, Frater Brousus propinationes annuiciavit.

I. OUR EMBLEMS:—

"These emblems in the past were twined
With bays that cannot die."

Frater J. A. Brachiumvalens, ab Zeta, respondit.

II. BETA:—

"He who on self relies,
Dares others help despise,
Makes feeble fight."

Frater W. H. G. Adneyus, ab Kappa, respondit.

III. THETA:—

"To meet the foes of truth and right,
In march through earth to heaven."

Frater Carolus D. Ambulator, ab Alpha Theta, flunkuit, Frater Johannes W. Rosebro, ab Zeta, illum iuit.

IV. PI:—

"So grasp hands together, let Pi answer Pi.
The vow spoken on earth is written on high."

Frater Johannes I. Covingtonus, ab Epsilon Alumni, respondit.

V. OUR COMMON BROTHERHOOD:—

"We are a band of brothers here,
Bound by a mystic tie"

Frater Johannes S. Sapiens surrexit; Damsiegono sternuit, Frater Sapiens ringit; Damsiegono ululavit; Dominus purpum calcitravit, et hoc more eum obituit; purpus subsidit, post hoc sermo Fratris Sapiens taurinus fuit.

VI. THE JOLLY GREEKS:—

And may the sons she ever meet,
Be worthy of the Jolly Greeks.

Frater A. N. Concesso, ab Delta, respondit.

VII. OUR FOUNDERS:—

"Be worthy of the name they gave."

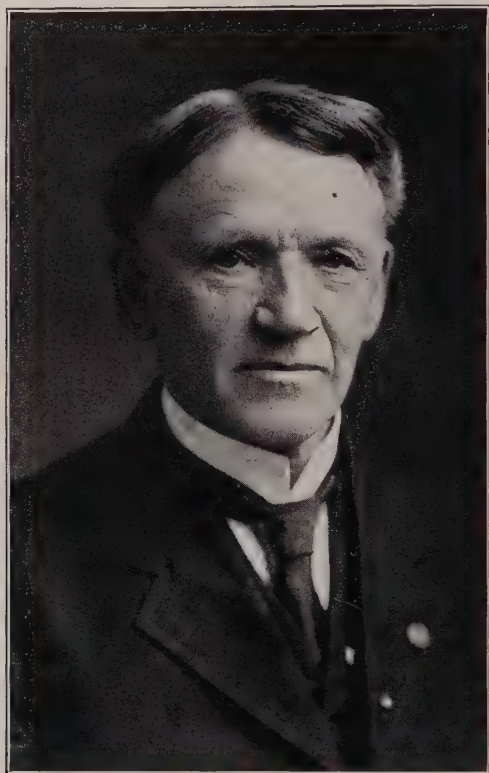
Frater O. R. Brousus, ab Alpha Alumni, respondit.

Noster excellentissimus "Canatomical disector," Frater J. H. Lozierus ab Gamma Alumni, absuit. Ob hac causa Frater Johannes I. Covingtonus "Canatomist," constitutus est. Silente et gravior "Dorgum" carpsit, et utrique fratrum magnum chunkum dedit. Frater W. N. Johannesfilius, ab Rho, ut fra'tri Lozeri lunkus mitteretur suggestit, Tum cantauimus.

Salve ! Beta Theta Pi,
Tu Regina pura ;
Cara tu meo Cordi,
Cara, Cara, Cara."

mittee on constitution reported that there was but one "official, primary and constitutional badge of the fraternity," but that this proposed one might be used as a secondary and unofficial badge. Events proved that there was no occasion for anxiety as the secondary badge never won popularity, only nine ever being made by Duhme & Co., Cincinnati jewelers who sold them for \$8.00 each. There was a competing badge of the same general style but of heavier material, but it, also, found few buyers.

The convention adopted a regular form of charter, chapters previously



OLIN R. BROUSE, *De Pauw*, '66

established having received authorization through letters of commission. New signs of recognition were selected and the delegates instructed to report them to their chapters. The convention also made an addition to the pledge to be taken by candidates at their initiation. It was in effect a promise to uphold the particular chapter as a chapter of Beta Theta Pi, an echo of the recent desertions at Michigan and Western Reserve.

Charles D. Walker, Virginia Military Institute, '69, was elected General Secretary, and John I. Covington, Miami, '70, General Treasurer. These were the first general officers elected in the fraternity. Their powers were somewhat hazy and undefined, but in general the former was to supervise the correspondence of the fraternity, and the latter to take care of its prop-

erty and funds. The new General Secretary announced his intention to start a fraternity magazine and took subscriptions toward it among the convention attendants.

The chapter roll was revised, and all of the chapters having double names were ordered to substitute the letter Alpha for their first letter; so Beta Beta became Alpha Beta, Gamma Gamma, Alpha Gamma, Eta Eta, Alpha Eta, etc. A petition for the re-establishment of the Beloit chapter was granted, and petitions from Northwestern University and the University of Kansas were referred to the chapters for action.

There were several other points of fraternity administration considered at this convention which merit attention. The first was a request from the members of two chapters for permission to place upon their rolls the names of men who had been elected, but who had died pending their initiation. The second was the initiation of a member into the fraternity by direct action of the convention. The circumstances were as follows:

The chapter at the Virginia Military Institute had elected to membership a student, Henry Melville Jackson, since Episcopal Bishop of Alabama, who was prevented from joining by private reasons, though during his college course he had been intimately associated with the members of the chapter. After graduation, he became a student at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia, and there continued his association with members of the fraternity. At his own instance, and upon the petitions of the two chapters at Lexington, Virginia, he was unanimously elected a "member at large" by the convention, and then and there initiated, his name being ordered to be placed upon the roll of the Virginia Military Institute chapter.

A curious point as to transfer of membership arose out of a quarrel in Epsilon chapter. Four members of that chapter became dissatisfied with the conduct of another member. The discontented brothers did not wish to remain in the chapter, neither did they wish to withdraw from the fraternity. Accordingly, with the full consent and approval of both chapters, they transferred themselves to the Hanover chapter. The convention disapproved of this action entirely, and held that the only means of regularly withdrawing from a chapter was by expulsion, that the transfer was irregular and void, and ordered their names to be restored to the roll of Centre chapter. The committee also expressed its opinion:

"That in this action, and especially in the events which preceded it and appear to have led to it, there seems to be a great want of appreciation of the true spirit of Betaism; a want of that charity and love which should lead to kindly admonition when admonition may be necessary; and a want of that fraternal feeling which should lead each Beta to zealously defend the honor and good name of his brother."

It was voted that the next convention be held at Louisville, Kentucky, and the Wabash chapter was made presiding chapter.

The Wabash administration opened favorably with the revival, on September 27, 1872, of the Beloit chapter by J. D. S. Riggs of the Chicago chapter and William D. Swinton of the Knox chapter who had transferred to Beloit.

In September, 1872, the circular preliminary to the establishment of the *Beta Theta Pi*, the magazine of the fraternity, was issued, and the first number came from the press December 15, 1872. In October the General Secretary issued printed forms for use in facilitating the business of his office.

The first act of the year 1873 was the establishment of Alpha Nu chapter at the University of Kansas, January 8, through the efforts of Wyllys C. Ransom, Michigan, '47, Theodore Y. Gardner, Western Reserve, '58, and L. D. L. Tosh, Miami, '73. Tosh was the last one initiated by Alpha chapter before Miami University closed its doors. He transferred to the recently opened University of Kansas where he found fewer than fifty students in the regular college classes. Six of these were selected to be charter members with him, Ralph Collins, '73, Ellis B. Noyes, '74, Edward H. Bancroft, '76, John D. Lambert, '76, Charles F. Bassett, '76, and Frank P. MacLennan, '75. These were initiated in Major Ransom's home in Lawrence. Some, if not

Office of Epsilon Alumni Chapter Beta Theta Pi.

Cincinnati, July 17, 1873.

DEAR BROTHER:

At a regular meeting of EPSILON ALUMNI CHAPTER, BETA THETA PI, held Tuesday Evening, July 15, 1873, it was unanimously

Resolved, That, in consequence of the general alarm throughout the country in reference to the Cholera, in this and sister cities, and the many false and exaggerated reports that have been circulated in reference to the same, and although deeply regretting the delay and deprecating the unnecessary alarm that has rendered such action necessary, we deem it to the best interests of the FRATERNITY to postpone the holding of the THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the BETA THETA PI, from August 20, 1873, until **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29, 30 & 31, 1873.**

Resolved, That we extend a most cordial invitation to every GREEK in the land to meet with us in December, and trust that none will permit the delay to militate against the success of the Convention.

THAD. A. REAMY, Pres't E Alumni.

M. P. DRURY, Rec. Sec'y.

JOHN I. COVINGTON, Cor. Sec'y.

all of them had belonged to the "Degree of Oread," a sort of secret society of men and women in the Oread Literary Society. The young women members of it organized a chapter of Pi Beta Phi. A local fraternity at Randolph-Macon College, under the auspices of Professor T. R. Price, Virginia, '58, applied for a charter, and was instituted as a chapter, under the name of Alpha Xi, April 24, 1873. In June, 1873, Alpha Omicron was placed at Trinity University, Tehuacana, Texas, through the efforts of Richard Morgan, Cumberland, '71, and George E. Seay, Cumberland, '60. On June 6, 1873, Alpha Pi, at the University of Wisconsin was instituted by Charles A. Works, William S. Forrest, and Ansley Gray, of the Beloit chapter who, in a room in the Park Hotel, initiated Joseph W. Hiner, '76, Charles J. Hunter, '76, Hobart R. Cook, '76, Webster E. Brown, '76, and some others, perhaps Charles F. Harding, '75, as charter members.

Alpha Rho, at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, by the aid of Olin R. Brouse, Asbury, '66, was established on July 3, 1873, when he initiated as charter members Darwin H. Cheney, '76, Henry S. Boutell, '74, and Irving Queal, '76.

The publication of the fraternity journal visibly increased the activity and enthusiasm among the chapters, and, under its influence, combined with that of a new constitution and organization, the fraternity began to assume a somewhat more consistent form and policy.

The numerical weakness of the chapter at Centre College made it impossible to hold the convention at Louisville in August, under its auspices, as had been anticipated, and the invitation of the Cincinnati alumni to hold it in that city was accepted. The prevalence of an epidemic caused its postponement, and the convention did not actually meet until December 29, 1873. The publication of the *Beta Theta Pi* was continued during the summer, however, and helped to maintain the enthusiasm of the fraternity.

Early in the college year of 1873-74, the question, whether the fraternity was to continue to exist as a purely Western organization, arose for consideration. It will be remembered that the convention of 1864 had passed resolutions stating that Eastern extension was undesirable. Although these had been revoked by the convention of 1865, nevertheless, the determination to remain purely Western seemed to be the policy of the fraternity. This was partly due to the experiences with Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon at Williams, Brown, Michigan and Western Reserve, which had left a feeling of deep distrust of Eastern college men. It was affected, also, by an ignorance of the real relative strength of chapters of Eastern fraternities when compared with Beta Theta Pi chapters, which brought a persisting tradition of the superiority of the former and a consequent natural hesitation to meet them on their own ground.

This was the situation when the fraternity received propositions to establish chapters at Brown, Williams, Lafayette, Dickinson, and Syracuse, while members of the Bethany chapter, residing in New York, advocated the immediate establishment of a chapter at Columbia. The presiding chapter, imbued with the fictitious idea of the great strength of Eastern colleges and fraternities, doubted whether new chapters could successfully cope with older and firmly established rivals, and vacillated until the opportunities had ceased to exist. The Williams and Brown projects were discouraged, and never reached the point of a direct petition, and, though we anticipate a little, the Lafayette group was organized by Russell B. Rice of the Denison chapter. The trustees of Denison University passed an anti-fraternity law in June, 1872, at a time of widespread opposition to secret societies. This forced the Denison chapter to run *sub rosa* for nine years, sometimes reduced to a single member, but keeping the fire burning on the altar all the while. A large number of students left the college in 1872, Rice entering Lafayette. He gathered a fine group of strong men, but could not hold them in the face of invitations to join other fraternities while Beta Theta Pi seemed uncertain as to its action. Curiously enough the "chapter" was given a name by the editor of the magazine and was listed in the fraternity directory with Russell B. Rice as corresponding secretary.

The convention, called the thirty-fourth annual, was held at Cincinnati, Ohio, December 29, 30 and 31, 1873, its date having been postponed owing to an epidemic of cholera. Major Wylls C. Ransom, Michigan, '48, was president. The attendance of delegates and visitors was large, the work undertaken was well done, and the public exercises, consisting of an oration by the Honorable Stanley Matthews and a poem by the Reverend Earl Cranston attracted considerable public attention. Delegates were present from twenty chapters. The *Beta Theta Pi* was officially adopted as the organ of the fraternity. Charles D. Walker was elected to continue as its editor for six months longer when John I. Covington, Miami, '70, was to be his successor.

It was recommended that a more convenient size and better paper be adopted for it. A. N. Grant, Indiana Asbury, '74, was chosen General Secretary, R. Harvey Young, Washington and Jefferson, '69, General Treasurer.

The death of the Miami chapter, along with the university which had been compelled by financial stringency to close its doors, was reported. Alpha Beta at Iowa was stated to be suspended temporarily "owing to some unexplained internal difficulty." Beloit, Denison and Monmouth chapters were stated to be *sub rosa* on account of anti-fraternity legislation. It was deemed advisable to give aid to the chapter at the University of Michigan, and the Asbury chapter was entrusted with that duty. The chapter at Washington and Jefferson College, formed by the union of Gamma at



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Jefferson and Nu at Washington when the two colleges were united, was named Gamma Nu. The General Secretary, upon his own recommendation, was ordered to divide the fraternity into territorial districts for convenience of administration, and to appoint over each district a chief assistant secretary, who should be under his general direction. This system of dividing the fraternity territorially has been very beneficial, and has been copied by nearly all of the fraternities as a permanent feature of their administration. In making his recommendation the General Secretary who planned to administer one district himself, asked for four chief assistants "each to take charge of a district composed of several states and to work thoroughly over the ground of his district, getting a perfect knowledge of propositions, and having put them in form, submit them to the General Secretary." For such territorial divisions he suggested the following:

- I. Headquarters at Alexandria, Virginia—West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

- II. Headquarters at Cincinnati, Ohio—Ohio, Eastern States and Middle States.
- III. Headquarters at Greencastle, Indiana—Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.
- IV. Headquarters at Chicago, Illinois—Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota.
- V. Headquarters at Lawrence, Kansas—States west of Mississippi river, Kansas and Missouri.

He was also ordered to prepare a code of administrative law, to go into tentative operation until the meeting of the next convention.

The method of voting upon petitions for chapters was changed, and the rule adopted that when a chapter did not vote within fifteen days after the receipt of a petition, the General Secretary should send a second notice, and, if, after fifteen days more, it did not vote, it was considered to have cast its ballot in the affirmative. This was a most pernicious practice, and had lasting and evil results.

The General Secretary was entrusted to request each chapter to adopt a motto and a coat of arms for use in the next catalogue. An interesting feature was the reading by John I. Covington, of Miami, of a communication "from Brother John Reily Knox, the originator of the Order, containing his recollections of the early days of the fraternity, written for this convention." This was followed by the presentation by Thaddeus A. Reamy of Ohio Wesleyan of an old letter, much worn and mutilated, written by John Reily Knox in 1843 to Edward B. Stevens, "giving a history of the origin of the Order." Both of these communications were spread upon the minutes of the convention.

These letters, along with one from David Linton, another of the founders, seemed to awaken a feeling of the value of historic things. The General Secretary was instructed to correspond with all the founders who were living, asking for their photographs in order that they might be preserved in the archives of the fraternity and incorporated in the next catalogue. Another motion provided that, whenever any chapter should become extinct its records, charter and papers should be sent to the historiographer of the fraternity.

Although itself under cover because of opposition to secret societies, the chapter at Monmouth was made the presiding chapter, passing over Beloit and Bethany, the latter by reason of small size, and the former because anti-fraternity laws compelled it to remain *sub rosa*. The next convention was ordered to be held at Evansville, Indiana, August 25, 1875.

The year 1874 opened with bright prospects. The journal had been officially recognized, the administrative machinery systematized, the new district plan was in full operation, and twenty-six strong and active chapters answered to the roll-call.

The Dickinson chapter, after some delay, was established May 15, 1874, by Henry S. Boutell, of the Northwestern chapter, and Jacob T. Zeigler, member of a local society at Dickinson who went to Northwestern, was initiated, graduated from that institution in 1874, and then went back to Dickinson with Brother Boutell to initiate the members of the local organization, all of whom had signed the petition to Beta Theta Pi.

Otherwise the bright prospects were not realized. The Knox chapter ceased to exist, its last member going to Williams to complete his course. The presiding chapter at Monmouth encountered the opposition of the college authorities, and was obliged to run *sub rosa*, which greatly impaired

its usefulness and hampered its work as the administrative head of the fraternity, and as the convention of 1873 had been held so late in the year, none was held at all in 1874, and the progress of the fraternity seemed arrested in every direction. The wide-spread financial depression of the country had marked effect on college life everywhere.



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The college year 1874-75 showed little improvement. The irregularity of the journal was severely felt, as it had, in a measure, supplanted the former system of chapter correspondence, which did not readily spring up again. The only encouraging thing was the successful movement to help the chapter at the University of Michigan. One petition was received during this year, from Franklin College, Indiana, and was rejected. It was from a disloyal chapter of another fraternity.

The convention of 1875 met at Evansville, Indiana, August 25, fifteen chapters being represented. The necessity of the journal was recognized, and it was ordered revived after its brief period of irregularity of issue, O. R. Brouse of Indiana Asbury and Darwin H. Cheney of Northwestern being appointed editors. An assessment of \$1.50 for this purpose was levied upon each active member, in addition to the usual annual dues. This was unconstitutional, as the limit of the dues was \$1, but no one grumbled, because the magazine was an acknowledged necessity. Delta, at Asbury

University, was made presiding chapter, D. H. Cheney was elected General Secretary, and R. Harvey Young was continued as General Treasurer. The code of laws reported by the secretary was adopted. The following resolution was passed:

That in case the chief assistant secretary, General Secretary and presiding chapter disapprove of a proposition to establish a chapter at any college, the proposition be laid on the table until the succeeding convention.

A curious case of chapter jurisdiction arose out of a dispute between Denison and Wooster chapters. When fraternities were barred at Denison five members of the chapter went to Wooster and joined Alpha Lambda. A sixth individual who was initiated as he was about to enter Denison also transferred. It was over him that the trouble developed. The facts are unimportant, but the committee appointed to consider the matter reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that charges against a member of Beta Theta Pi shall only be made to the chapter where he has been initiated or to which he has been transferred, or to an alumni chapter of which he may be a member.

And they recommended the passage of an act "giving each chapter exclusive jurisdiction over each Beta attending the college where it is situated, no matter whether he was a member of that chapter or not," and this was accordingly done, and has been the law ever since. An act was also passed making the conventions biennial, and the next convention was ordered to be held at Detroit, September 3, 1877.

The administration of the Asbury chapter opened with the reorganization of the Michigan chapter mainly through the active assistance of A. N. Grant. In January, 1876, a petition was received from John C. Hobson, Richmond, '76, and Carter H. Harrison, V.M.I., '75, for the establishment of a chapter at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia. This venerable institution which had suffered a decline then seemed to have taken a new lease of life. The number of students suddenly increased to nearly one hundred, among them representatives of the best families in the South. Hobson and Harrison secured the co-operation of a number of these students and applied for a charter. It was granted, and the chapter was instituted March 11, 1876, as Alpha Tau. It may be stated here that the chapter did not long continue active. The college declined as rapidly as it had risen, and the chapter became inactive after sending to the University of Virginia some of the best students ever seen at that institution.

In January an unpleasant incident occurred. An account in the *Beta Theta Pi* for February, 1876, said:

"Monday evening, January 17, the Honorable Schuyler Colfax, who is a whole-souled Beta, lectured in Evanston, Illinois, and after the lecture he was invited by the members of Alpha Rho chapter to attend a chapter meeting and partake of the "canine" with them. Schuyler never refuses an invitation of this kind, and he accordingly met with the boys. Immediately upon his arrival at the chapter rooms a mob, consisting of members of the Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi fraternities, assembled in the outer halls, howling, singing and conducting themselves more like fiends than like students "having a high sense of honor" (see the Sigma Chi constitution). This was kept up throughout the meeting, and when, at its close, Mr. Colfax, attended by the members of Alpha Rho, started for his lodging place, the front door of the building was found to be tied. The party, however, made their exit by the back door. Arrived at the outside, Brother Colfax delivered an extemporaneous lecture to the mob, which, for point and pungency, excelled even his brilliant platform efforts. The rioters

disclaimed any intent to insult Brother Colfax, but said they meant to 'go for the Beta chapter.'"

The Chicago papers took the matter up, and the offending students were compelled by the college authorities to make a public apology.

In March, 1875, owing to the expressed wish of a majority of the chapters on account of the approaching celebration of the centennial of the United States, the presiding chapter changed the place of the convention to Philadelphia, and the time to July 5, 1876. In the spring of this year, the Harvard chapter came very near to re-establishment, seven enthusiastic Betas having found themselves to be students there; but they were ignorant of their constitutional rights to re-establish the chapter, and the matter was not pushed. The Betas at Princeton, too, though belonging to many chapters and maintaining no formal organization, held a successful dinner. Boston University, a new Methodist institution with a large endowment and ambitious plans, had attracted the attention of Betas attending its professional schools, and a petition for a chapter there fostered by Henry S. Boutell, of Northwestern, who was a student at Harvard Law School, was forwarded to the presiding chapter in May.

During this month the Asbury chapter met with a great loss. Its records and archives, consisting of a long series of interesting letters, containing personal and historical data of value, were stolen, it was suspected by members of a rival chapter. Though every effort was made to catch the thieves, it was not successful. It was a type of depredation which was frequent in Indiana at the time.

The convention met at Philadelphia, July 5. Charles Duy Walker, Virginia Military Institute, '69, was president. Delegates were present from seventeen chapters. The reports of the presiding chapter and general secretary showed that the chapters were in a fairly prosperous condition. Petitions for chapters from Vanderbilt University, University of California and McKendree College, Illinois, were received and rejected. The name of the chapter at Washington and Jefferson College was changed to Gamma. The provision making the convention biennial was repealed. Lambda, at Michigan University, was made the presiding chapter, George C. Rankin, Monmouth, '74, was elected General Secretary, George M. Halm, Ohio Wesleyan, '76, General Treasurer, and Rev. Edwin J. Gantz, Bethany, '75, editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*. A plan for forming an endowment fund for the support of the fraternity was considered, but was not adopted. The catalogues were ordered to be printed, and the matter of a fraternity jeweler was placed in the hands of a committee for action.

The petition from Boston University, having received the favorable votes of the chapters, a chapter was established there November 6, 1876, under the name of Alpha Upsilon. It was a strong chapter, formed by the union of two sets of petitioners, one originally petitioning Beta Theta Pi and the other Alpha Delta Phi, who united after the Beta petition was granted.

In November, a petition for a chapter was received from the "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Virginia," located at Blacksburg, Virginia. It was endorsed by two well known alumni who were officially connected with the institution, and under the pernicious system of voting then in vogue, by which silence and indifference were construed to mean assent, the petition was granted, though it did not receive the real approval

of the chapters in Virginia. The chapter, with twelve members, was instituted March 10, 1877, under the name of Alpha Phi.

The year 1877 opened inauspiciously. Alpha Mu, at Howard College, Alabama, was obliged to drop out of sight and continue a perfunctory existence—*sub rosa*; the fraternity journal suffered for lack of proper financial backing, and did not maintain its previous standard of excellence; and the presiding chapter performed its duties with little vigor; but no ground was lost, and the work of the next year was brilliant.

The convention of 1877 was held August 15, 16 and 17, at Detroit, Michigan. Delegates from ten chapters were present. A strong effort was made to place the affairs of the fraternity upon a sound basis, and with some success. The financial regulations were modified and improved. The most important step taken by the convention was the adoption of a resolution offered by W. C. Ransom, Michigan, '48, looking toward the complete elimination of the esoteric work of the fraternity from the constitution, the open publication of that document, and the formulation of a ritual which should embody all the secret work in one ceremony. The convention adjourned after selecting Alpha Lambda, at Wooster, as the presiding chapter.

The work of the new year began well. The foundation of Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore, as an institution of superior grade, suggested a field for Beta enterprise which was readily appreciated by the Baltimore alumni, and a petition was secured from the university, signed by the best men among the matriculates in the academic department. The petition met the immediate approval of the fraternity, and the chapter was established November 30, 1877. In October, 1877, a petition for a chapter was received from Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, which was the cause of much discussion. It had been secured through the efforts of James P. Nelson, Washington and Lee, '69, who was the principal of the college grammar school. Through his personal influence he was enabled to secure an exceptional group of petitioners in the face of the active opposition of long established chapters of other fraternities. The petition was approved by the fraternity officials and the presiding chapter, but encountered effective opposition from the chapters, and was denied. The college was a small one and chapters of Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon had been in existence there for years. The traditional fear of these no doubt had much influence in the voting. The petitioners were persistent and applied again, and the petition was finally granted, and the charter issued April 8, 1879.

In the fall of 1877 a petition was received from the local society of Phi Theta Psi at Marietta College, but it was rejected. In March, 1878, a proposition to establish a chapter at Butler University (formerly Northwestern Christian University), Irvington, Indiana, was favorably considered by the fraternity, and the chapter was established under the name of Alpha Psi, March 28, 1878. This chapter, though instituted under favorable auspices, was soon withdrawn, the condition of the university not warranting its further continuance. Its roll contained only twenty names. In March, also, the Monmouth chapter finally succumbed to hostile college laws, and became defunct. While living, it was a splendid chapter. It was situated in a denominational college, the faculty of which contained several Betas, and, though never large, the Beta chapter was composed of picked material. During the last few years of its existence its usefulness was impaired because it

was obliged to run *sub rosa*, and it finally surrendered its charter rather than continue its secret existence. Alpha Iota, at Washington University, St. Louis, which had little more than a nominal existence for some time, died in the spring of 1878, and Alpha Tau, at William and Mary College, did not live through the year, its two founders admitting but twelve others.

A petition was presented in March, 1878, from the University of California. The personal testimonials of the petitioners and a fine presentation of the condition and prospects of the university secured a favorable hearing, and a charter was promptly granted to the petitioners. Wilson T. Hume, Wabash, '78, who had conducted a correspondence about establishing a chapter with a former academy fellow student, A. D. Bird of the class of 1880, sent to each of the petitioners a pledge for signature, a declaration that the individual was not already a member of a similar society. One of them, Walter B. Palmer, a member of Phi Delta Theta, sent the pledge back stating that he could not sign it. This aroused Hume's suspicion and he wrote to Bird that he would not send the necessary papers for installing the chapter except to a member of Beta Theta Pi. That brought out Robert W. Poindexter, Knox, '71, as the one to push the matter to completion. Mr. Palmer's own statement about his connection with the petition was:

"Phi Delta Theta had gone down to a disastrous failure at the University of California, and I was advised that it would be years before it could possibly be reestablished. I thought it would be a good thing to organize Beta Theta Pi there, which was unrepresented in the university; but I later realized my mistake and regretted that I had anything to do with the matter."

The fact that A. B. Bird, '80, and L. G. Harrier, '80, of the original group, with William D. Armes, '82, and Reinhardt T. Harding, '82, became the charter members of Omega seems to show that there was not, as was long supposed in some fraternity circles, anything underhanded in connection with the first petition. After some delay, R. W. Poindexter installed the chapter on March 18, 1879.

During the year 1877-78 the Dickinson chapter was rent by an internal feud arising out of the rivalry between the college literary societies—an anomalous condition of things; for, although the fraternities have often been accused of creating disturbances in the literary societies, we know of no other instance of a reversal of the situation, and the creation of a disturbance in a fraternity chapter by the literary societies. The breach was finally healed through the energy and fraternal zeal of Rogers Israel.



THE KENYON BETA TEMPLE

CHAPTER VI

REVOLUTION AND RENAISSANCE

The convention of 1878 met at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 4, 5 and 6, Robert W. Smith, Williams, '50, being chosen president. In many respects it was the most successful meeting of the fraternity which had been held up to that time. Delegates were present from fourteen chapters and the number of visitors exceeded 100. The public exercises, consisting of an oration by Hon. A. J. Poppleton, Michigan, '51, of Nebraska, and a poem delivered by Hon. J. B. Black, Asbury, '60, of Indiana, were interesting and well attended. The Indianapolis alumni tendered a banquet to the delegates and visitors, and socially the convention was a complete success. The principal legislation enacted was the adoption of the report of the committee on constitution. This committee was composed of Wyllys C. Ransom, Michigan, '48; Olin R. Brouse, Indiana Asbury, '66, and Amandus N. Grant, Indiana Asbury, '74. It presented an entirely new constitutional document, admirably drawn up and omitting the secret work; supplementing it by a lengthy report, which reviewed the history of the fraternity and stated in detail the reasons which had actuated the committee in proposing such a radical change. It urged that an open constitution would enable the fraternity to overcome the opposition of college authorities by presenting to them an intelligible statement of the object, aims and scheme of government of the fraternity; that by being printed and distributed, it would diffuse a wider and more general knowledge of the foundation principles of the order, and would be a powerful argument in inducing desirable men to become members. It suggested possibilities of much greater usefulness for the fraternity. It proposed a revolution in Beta Theta Pi and naturally met great opposition. To many members the change seemed little short of sacrilege and even after the adoption of the open constitution many old Betas waited with anxiety to see the entire fraternity fall to pieces. No such result followed, and most of the progressive fraternities adopted the idea.

Alpha Gamma was made presiding chapter for the next year. Rev. Edward J. Brown, Hanover, '73, was chosen General Secretary and George C. Rankin, Monmouth, '72, editor of the magazine. The latter being unable to act in this capacity, Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, was elected by the presiding chapter.

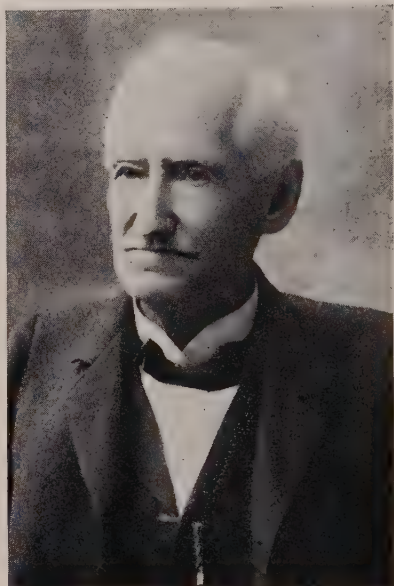
As before narrated, the Omega chapter was established at the University of California on March 18, 1879. Beta Alpha, at Kenyon College, was formally instituted on April 8, 1879, the initiation taking place in the home of Prof. James P. Nelson, under direction of a member of the Theta chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University. The charter members were Grove D. Curtis, '80, Charles D. Williams, '80, Alfred C. Dyer, '79, Warwick M. Cogwill, '81, Alfred C. Downs, '81, Mathew Emidston, '82, and John B. Brannon, '82. William T. Wright, '78, and Cassius M. Roberts, '78, who had been members of the first petitioning group were admitted to membership at a later time.

On June 4, 1879, Beta Beta chapter was installed at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, by members of the Centre College chapter.

who initiated a group of students who had formed a chapter of a southern fraternity known as the Alpha Kappa Phi. This fraternity originated at Centre College, Kentucky, about the year 1858, and rapidly extended into the south. Most of its chapters were killed by the Civil War, and the only one which rose to prominence thereafter was at the University of Mississippi. In 1877 the parent chapter at Centre College, by their being in a weak condition, disbanded its remaining members joining Beta Theta Pi. The Mississippi chapter was advised by them to apply for a Beta charter, which it accordingly did.



HENRY H. JOHNSON, 40
No. 9 on Alpha's roll



THOMAS HARBINE, '42
No. 19 on Alpha's roll

TWO MIAMI BETA BUILDERS

But the most important event of the year in the line of extension was the union with the fraternity of Alpha Sigma Chi, the negotiations to that end having been in progress during the entire college year. An account of this union is given elsewhere in detail.

The convention of 1879 met at Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2, 3 and 4. Robert W. Smith, Williams, '50, was chosen president. Delegates were present from sixteen chapters and the attendance of visitors was large. The new constitution and new ritual were adopted. Pink and blue were selected as fraternity colors, and the badge was standardized as to its form and dimensions. A board of directors was elected under the new system, and every effort was made so to shape things that the epoch-marking changes might be made without unnecessary friction. Everything indicated that the fraternity was in a good condition; the chapters were strong and enthusiastic, and there was bounding confidence as Beta Theta Pi faced the future after forty years of life. The determined program of the forward-looking group of 1871-1872 was practically completed.

The new system of government went into operation easily and without friction. The new board of directors prepared its certificate of incorporation as follows:

At a meeting of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, held in the city of Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio, on Thursday, the 4th day of September, A.D. 1879, it was resolved:

1st. That we proceed to elect a board of directors, consisting of nine members, six of whom shall reside in the city of Cincinnati, or its vicinity, to hold their office according to the constitution of the fraternity.

2nd. That the name of the fraternity shall be that of Beta Theta Pi.

3rd. That its principal office shall be in the city of Cincinnati.

And thereupon the following named persons were duly elected said directors, viz.:
For three years, John W. Herron, Cincinnati, Ohio; John I. Covington, Cincinnati, Ohio, and W. C. Ransom, Port Huron, Michigan.

For two years, Thad. A. Reamy, M.D., Cincinnati, Ohio; W. F. Boyd, Cincinnati, Ohio, and O. R. Brouse, Chicago, Illinois.

For one year, David H. Moore, D.D., Cincinnati, Ohio; R. Harvey Young, Cincinnati, Ohio, and A. D. Lynch, Indianapolis, Indiana.

I, W. E. Dennison, secretary of said meeting of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

(Signed)

W. E. DENNISON

The undersigned directors, elected by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, hereby accept the terms and conditions of the act of the legislature of the state of Ohio, passed May 1, A.D. 1852, as amended January 26, A.D. 1865 (S. & S., 239).

(Signed)

W. F. BOYD
JOHN W. HERRON
W. C. RANSOM
O. R. BROUSE

R. HARVEY YOUNG
DAVID H. MOORE
THAD. A. REAMY
JOHN I. COVINGTON

A. D. LYNCH

The first meeting was held September 4, 1879, and all of the members were present except D. H. Moore. John W. Herron, Miami, '45, was elected president, and W. F. Boyd, Ohio, '66, was elected secretary. John I. Covington, Sylvester G. Williams, Walter E. Dennison and Willis O. Robb were elected editors of the fraternity journal. The three last named, all members of the Ohio Wesleyan chapter, were to play important parts in the fraternity's life in the next few years.

The union with Alpha Sigma Chi was consummated at Ithaca, New York, October 9, 1879, and five new chapters were at once added to the roll; viz: Beta Gamma, Rutgers; Beta Delta, Cornell; Beta Epsilon, Stevens; Beta Zeta, St. Lawrence, and Beta Eta, Maine State. A new district was at once erected, including with these the chapters at Washington and Jefferson and Dickinson, and William R. Baird, the former secretary of the Alpha Sigma Chi, was made chief of this district. The new chapters fell into line and worked like veterans. The new ritual found favor at first. It was a beautiful ceremonial of high grade requiring a letter-perfect memorized rendition of all speeches to make it splendidly effective. But, for the time, it was too marked an advance over the simplicity of older forms to enable it to win and hold a secure place.

The one great need of the fraternity was a catalogue which should present with accuracy the strength and standing of the fraternity. It was known that the labor of compiling and editing such a work would be immense, and must be gratuitous. James A. Burhans, DePauw, '75, at that time catalogue agent, was too busy with other matters to undertake the task, and, finally,

when Seaman, of Denison, Terrell, of DePauw, and Baird, of Stevens, offered to do it, the work was promptly placed in their hands with the approval of the board of directors. How they completed it is told elsewhere, but it is important to note that the activity of the catalogue committee was attended by a great revival of interest throughout the fraternity and developed much latent enthusiasm among the alumni.

In December, 1879, a petition was received from the Illinois Industrial University, at Champaign. A committee of the neighboring chapters visited



WILLIAM RAIMOND BAIRD, *Stevens*, '78

As he looked when he joined Beta Theta Pi.

the place and, reporting adversely, the petition was rejected. The same fate befell a petition received in February, 1880, from the Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington.

After the union with Alpha Sigma Chi there was a natural movement in the fraternity looking toward the strengthening of its eastern wing, and the revival of the inactive chapters in that district. Early in 1880 a petition was received from the sole surviving chapter of Phi Kappa Alpha at Brown University which was granted in February, and the chapter was instituted March 26, 1880, by a committee from the eastern chapters, headed by William Raimond Baird, the ceremony taking place in the Phi Kappa Alpha chapter hall.

A banquet was tendered to the visitors by the new chapter, and the occasion was noteworthy as the revival of a chapter long inactive. While the new chapter was large and more literary in character than the usual one in the fraternity, its leaders were earnest and enthusiastic for its success in its new relationship.

In February, 1880, the Betas resident in Iowa City deemed the time favorable for the revival of the chapter at the University of Iowa, which had ceased to exist in 1872.

This revival, and the mooted re-establishment of other chapters, brought up the question as to what procedure was proper in order regularly to revive an inactive chapter. The conclusion was finally reached that when five active Betas were found at a college where a Beta chapter had once existed, these members might properly be recognized as a continuation of the old chapter. This decision was not strictly correct; for the law as it then stood really was, that if the charter of such a chapter had not been withdrawn, it might be revived at the instance of any one chapter. But this law was buried in the inaccessible records of past conventions, and its provisions were not generally known. Under the supposed rule, the chapter at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, was revived in March, 1880, and that at Harvard in May, 1880. This procedure afterwards was abrogated in the course of legislation, and proceedings to revive a chapter are now the same as those required to institute a new one.

In March, also, the fraternity was rejoiced to learn of the repeal of the anti-fraternity laws at the University of California, which had threatened seriously to injure a most promising chapter. On May 17, a chapter was established at the University of Pennsylvania with bright prospects, and in June a delegation of prominent Betas from Chicago visited Beloit College, and induced the college authorities to repeal anti-fraternity laws that had been in operation there for many years.

During the latter part of the college year, the chapter at Denison University, which had initiated three members of the class of 1879, one of 1880 and three of 1881 really came out from "under the rose," although college rules were not changed until 1881. A petition from the University of Cincinnati, presented in June, completed the extension movements of the year.

The convention met in Baltimore, August 24, 25, 26, 1880, under the auspices of the Johns Hopkins chapter, and, in recognition of the position of the latter, the university authorities invited the convention to use its halls for their meetings. Major Wyllys C. Ransom, Michigan, '48, was chosen president. Delegates were present from twenty-eight chapters. This convention was an important one. A new code of enactments, termed "laws," as distinguished from constitutional provisions, was adopted, together with a series of regulations for the government of conventions. The work of the catalogue committee was approved, and resolutions in regard to the "prep" question were passed.

The "prep" question was one that had been the cause of increasing trouble to the western chapters of Beta Theta Pi, and to other fraternities as well. The new constitution forbade the initiation of any student unless he was a member of some "undergraduate college class." In most western colleges, because of the lack of good high schools and superior academies such as were common in the east, provision had to be made for college preparatory classes including from two to four years. These met in the same buildings.

often were taught by the same teachers, and had the same campus privileges in many respects as the four regular college classes. This new prohibition, therefore, worked great hardship, and the Beta chapters were placed at a disadvantage in competition with their rivals, who universally initiated "preps." A resolution was introduced at the Baltimore convention construing the words "undergraduate college class" to include the sub-freshman classes. It was emphatically voted down, and the following substitute was passed by a vote of 66 to 12:

Resolved, That this convention emphatically reaffirms the requirements of our constitution, permitting the initiation of (members of) undergraduate college classes only, and demands that the chapters entirely abandon the practice of initiating preparatory (students) or other ineligible persons.



THE WISCONSIN CHAPTER HOUSE

The petition from the University of Cincinnati was rejected by this convention.

The number of inactive chapters having single letter names and the increasing number of chapters induced this convention to rearrange the chapter nomenclature. Boston was changed from Alpha Upsilon to Upsilon; Stevens from Beta Epsilon to Sigma; Ohio University from Kappa to Beta; Northwestern from Alpha Rho to Rho; Randolph-Macon from Alpha Xi to Xi; California from Alpha Omega to Omega; the Harvard chapter was called Eta; the Brown, Kappa, and the University of Pennsylvania, Phi. The charters of the chapters at Cincinnati, Western Reserve, North Carolina, Princeton, Williams, Knox, Washington and Lee, Illinois, South Carolina, Davidson, U. S. Naval Academy, Monmouth, Chicago, Washington (Missouri), and William and Mary were formally withdrawn, so that there might be no question about the matter. This change of names was a great mistake

as subsequent development of the fraternity showed, when old chapters were re-established. Furthermore, it gave to some chapters a suggestion of age to which they were not entitled and removed evidences of their relationship to the period in which they were founded, thus making the fraternity roll illogical and confusing to the student of its history.

The chapters at Butler, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia State, Trinity University and Howard College were ordered investigated by the board of directors, who also were directed to send a commissioner to make a personal investigation of the Trinity and Virginia State chapters. The convention concluded with a banquet, and the day after adjournment the larger portion of the visitors went to Annapolis and ate a Maryland supper at the invitation of the Baltimore alumni.

The college year of 1880-81 was one of reconstruction and elimination. In the summer of 1880, the members of an old local society of high standing, called the "Adelphia," at Madison (now Colgate) University, Hamilton, New York, sent in a petition for a Beta charter, which was granted, and the chapter was established December 10, 1880. By this move, the fraternity obtained a chapter of fine local reputation, possessing a valuable library, and with every prospect of success before it. The privilege was extended to initiate alumni members.

The charter and records of the Howard College chapter, which had practically died in 1879, were returned in the fall of 1880.

Early in the college year, the board of directors took up the task of investigating the chapters criticised by the Baltimore convention. At the meeting held January 28, the board passed resolutions asking the chapters at Butler University and at Virginia Military Institute to surrender their charters, the former because the standing of the college did not insure a large attendance, and sufficient material could not be secured for a permanently good chapter; and the latter, because the anti-fraternity sentiment and the establishment of rivals without reputation, and their custom of initiating new members without acquaintance left no field for a Beta chapter with a reputation to maintain. The Butler chapter ceased to exist February 13, and the V.M.I. chapter February 16, 1881.

The fraternity was strengthened by these eliminations, and the good work was further carried on by the surrender of the charter of the chapter at the Virginia State College, March 21, 1881. Edwin H. Terrell, the commissioner appointed to investigate the condition of the Trinity chapter, reported that the charter should be withdrawn; but the chapter protested, and the matter was held in abeyance to await the action of the next convention.

On May 4, 1881, the chapter at Western Reserve was revived after a lapse of thirteen years since the treachery of 1868, the alumni members urging the movement in order to lessen the irritation of the memory of the unworthy and dishonorable action of a few of the members of the former Beta chapter. The college had changed its location from Hudson to Cleveland, becoming, as Adelbert College, part of a larger Western Reserve University. The re-founders were Albert P. Cook, '82, Nathan C. Stevens, '82, James W. Andrews, '83, Lewis P. Delano, '83, William B. Parmelee, '83, James A. Rohbach, '84, and Howard S. Straight, '84, these being welcomed into the fraternity by a large company of Ohio Betas.

Another eastern chapter was established at Union College, Schenectady, New York, May 13, 1881, by the absorption of a young local society called

Beta Kappa. During the year alumni chapters were organized at Kansas City, Cleveland and San Francisco.

With the college year 1880-81 a period of unexampled extension was concluded. It may not be unprofitable to review the career of the fraternity to this date. From 1839 until 1858 the policy of Beta Theta Pi was one of rapid extension. The chapters seemed to have acted upon the principle that membership in the fraternity was such a good thing that it should be denied to no set of petitioners who applied for it. The individualistic idea had great force. Two or three students, properly imbued with Beta spirit, were believed able to start and maintain a chapter anywhere, regardless of



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the number of students in an institution, the size of its faculty, or the stability of its financial support. Wherever a wandering Beta went he carried the potentiality of a chapter. Fortunately, many of the schemes to form chapters did not materialize, but the inherent weakness of the policy which directed the energies of the fraternity toward the establishment of new branches rather than the upbuilding and strengthening of old ones, was shown in the desertion of the chapters at Brown and Williams, and the loss of those at Harvard and Princeton and later at the University of North Carolina, and the inability of the fraternity to withstand the shock of the Civil War when it came.

The fraternity suffered greatly by that struggle. Many of its chapters were cut off and its best ones suffered serious curtailment of membership. Upon the return of peace, with a small and compact organization came an opportunity to conserve and strengthen its position. This was neglected. Instead chapters were established at Monmouth, Wittenberg, Westminster, Iowa Wesleyan, Chicago, Denison, Virginia Military Institute, Washington (Missouri), and institutions of similar standing whose future was not then

assured, and in several instances this was done with no adequate inquiry regarding the chance of the chapter's success or the attitude of the institution toward fraternities. Even the desertion of the Michigan and Western Reserve chapters did not serve as a warning, and the extension went on, adding Beloit, Bethany, Richmond, Wooster, Howard, Randolph-Macon, Trinity, Butler, William and Mary, and Virginia State. In the same period opportunities for possible strengthening by entering Columbia, Lafayette and Syracuse were disregarded. While six of these eighteen chapters still survive, not counting the present Chicago chapter as a continuation of the first one, and some of the other institutions are now of excellent standing, their tenure of life at that time was uncertain, and it was not a good policy to grant charters with little investigation and less discrimination, as undoubtedly was done.

The debate over the proposition to grant the Kenyon petition and the earnest opposition to it was a hopeful sign. The internal development of 1878 and 1879 was more than encouraging, and when the eastern wing was established by the addition of the five Alpha Sigma Chi chapters, the revival of the Brown and Harvard and the establishment of the Union, Colgate and Pennsylvania chapters, with the simultaneous withdrawal of chapters known to be weak, it was felt throughout the fraternity that it was time to pause and consolidate, to harmonize the new elements, and to imbue them with the Beta spirit.

The annual convention met at Chicago, August 30 and 31 and September 1, 1881. Alonzo P. Carpenter, Williams, '49, was chosen president. It was altogether the best convention which had been held up to that date, and the resident alumni fairly outdid themselves in the effort to make the gathering a success. The arrangements were under the charge of Gen. R. W. Smith, Williams, '51, of Chicago. Hon. A. P. Carpenter, Williams, '51, of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, was president and John Bascom, Williams, '49, then president of the University of Wisconsin, was the orator. The number of delegates and visitors was large, and the business meetings were well attended. It was remarkable that the old Williams chapter should have furnished to this convention its president, its orator and the chairman of its committee of arrangements.

The banquet, tendered by the Chicago alumni, was held in the Grand Pacific Hotel, and proved a great success. The perfection of the service, performed under signals with military precision, made a lasting impression upon all who were present and especially upon the delegates unused to cities. Toasts were responded to by many of the prominent public men of the northwest, and the occasion was memorable. The public exercises consisted of the oration by Dr. Bascom, a poem by Hon. Wilbur F. Stone, DePauw, '57, of the Supreme Court of Colorado, and an essay by J. Winslow Snyder, Richmond, '79, of Kansas City. Delegates were present from thirty-four active and seven alumni chapters.

A petition from the University of Illinois was rejected, as the necessary preliminaries had not been complied with, and one from Columbia College was granted, after a searching inquiry into the character and standing of the petitioners, while one from the University of Nebraska was referred to the chapters for their action. Charles J. Seaman resigned as song-book editor, and was succeeded by William H. January, Centre, '80. William R. Baird was elected editor of a "Manual of Information" for the use of the fra-

ternity, and the catalogue committee reported that its work was nearly completed. The question of permitting chapters of the fraternity to enter into political combinations with those of other fraternities for the purpose of influencing college politics was definitely settled. The chapters of Beta Theta Pi were distinctly ordered to take no part in any such combinations.

The "prep" question again came up for consideration. The chapters already affected by the action of the Baltimore convention were present in force, and the matter being referred to the committee on constitution, it reported a resolution that "The sense of the convention is that the initia-



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tion of preparatory students be in every way discouraged," but this was rejected, and the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 28 to 5:

That in institutions having a preparatory department attached as a part of their collegiate system, the classes in which are under charge of and taught by college professors, and are carried on the college catalogue, such preparatory department may be construed as coming within the constitutional designation of "undergraduate classes" until otherwise ordered by a general convention of the fraternity.

This resolution was rescinded by the next convention, and no further legislation upon the subject was found necessary, as pledging succeeded in holding desirable candidates until the development of high schools brought the gradual elimination of the preparatory departments.

The new chapters at Union and Western Reserve were called Nu and Beta Kappa respectively. The name of the latter was subsequently changed to Beta, its original designation, and the name Beta Kappa bestowed upon the chapter at Ohio University, which at times had borne the names of both Beta and Kappa. The charter of the chapter at Trinity University was withdrawn. The institution subsequently had many vicissitudes, but the strength of the personnel of the chapter and its loyalty to the fraternity was felt in Beta

Theta Pi for more than forty years through the devoted interest of the members.

A law regarding "dispensations" was passed, forbidding a chapter to "elect or initiate any person not a student in some department of the institution in which the chapter is located, except that in cases of obvious expediency the board of directors may grant a dispensation allowing the initiation of students in other institutions." Previous to the passage of this enactment there had been no constitutional restriction upon such initiations and the chapters not infrequently initiated a student of some neighboring college, sometimes with a view to securing his assistance in the formation of a new chapter and sometimes not. The power thus given to the directors, and later transferred to the executive committee, was used sparingly and proved a valuable aid in building up a chapter previous to its formal establishment.

The convention also adopted a new system of keeping the fraternity's roll, requiring the requisite data concerning initiates to be placed on blanks provided for the purpose and transmitted to the General Secretary, and refusing recognition to any alleged member whose name was not placed on this roll.

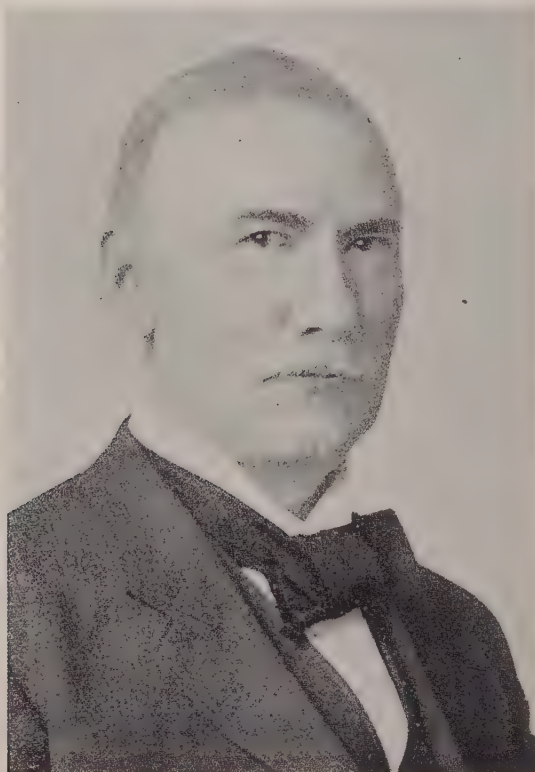
The directors and General Secretary were ordered to compile the laws and publish them in the form of a code. The directors were also ordered to secure and engross in a book the proceedings of all the previous conventions. This was never done, but in 1916, under the painstaking editorship of William Raimond Baird, the fraternity published "Forty Years of Fraternity Legislation," a volume of 388 pages containing the minutes of all conventions down to and including that of 1878, along with important fraternity documents and with critical, interpretative and historical notes by the compiler. This was supplemented in 1918 by "A Decade of Fraternity Reconstruction," a book of 410 pages which contained the convention minutes down to 1888. It was edited by Mr. Baird but was prepared for publication, after his death, by Francis W. Shepardson and George M. Chandler. Through these two volumes and an annual issue of a number of the fraternity magazine called "Special No. 1," the fraternity's record of its conventions is complete.

Rev. E. J. Brown resigned as General Secretary, and was succeeded by Eugene Wambaugh, Ohio Wesleyan, '75.

The year 1881-82 was very quiet, and was chiefly devoted to strengthening the position of the fraternity in its organization. The eastern district was split into two, one comprising New England and the other the Middle states. The only chapter of the year was established October 14, 1881, at Columbia College, and named Alpha Alpha, the old name of the Monmouth chapter. Many propositions for chapters were received, but all were rejected or held to wait the action of the next convention. The petition from the University of Nebraska was rejected in November, mainly on account of the great preponderance of preparatory over collegiate students at that institution. Petitions from Illinois University and Mercer University failed to obtain the necessary preliminary consents, and petitions from Adrian College, Pennsylvania College, and North Georgia Agricultural College were not submitted to the chapters, not receiving the proper official endorsements.

In November, 1881, a petition was received from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. Anti-fraternity laws were said to prevail at that in-

stitution, and, while the petitioners formed an excellent body of men, it was deemed expedient to hold the matter under advisement until the facts were more fully ascertained. The General Secretary visited the university and the petitioners, and also visited the Mu chapter at Cumberland University, which was in the neighborhood. The result was, that upon his report the directors granted a dispensation to the Cumberland chapter to initiate the Vanderbilt petitioners, thus strengthening that chapter and retaining a hold



WILLIAM A. HAMILTON, *Northwestern*, '79
President of the Fraternity, 1897-1900, 1906-1912

on Vanderbilt. The anti-fraternity laws were subsequently repealed, and the chapter was then established.

The long looked for catalogue was issued in December, 1881, and in reality was the most notable event of the year. It marked a great advance upon any previous Beta catalogue and was a valued help to the chapters. Its general style and the evident labors of its compilers, Brothers Seaman, Baird and Terrell, brought it unstinted praise from members of the fraternity and most favorable comment from others.

During the college year, an elaborate report in regard to the "prep" question was prepared by W. A. Hamilton, of *Northwestern*, and assisted materially in the solution of that vexatious problem.

In the winter two notable gatherings of alumni took place at Indianapolis and Kansas City, and the alumni chapters of Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Richmond were recognized under the laws of 1881. In May, 1882, a petition for a chapter was received from Colby University, Waterville, Maine.

In February, 1882, a Panhellenic meeting of the editors of several fraternity journals, suggested by Willis O. Robb and called by the *Beta Theta Pi*, met at Philadelphia, and made arrangements for a general meeting of the fraternities, to be held July 4, 1884, but not enough fraternities assented to it to warrant holding the meeting at the adjourned day.

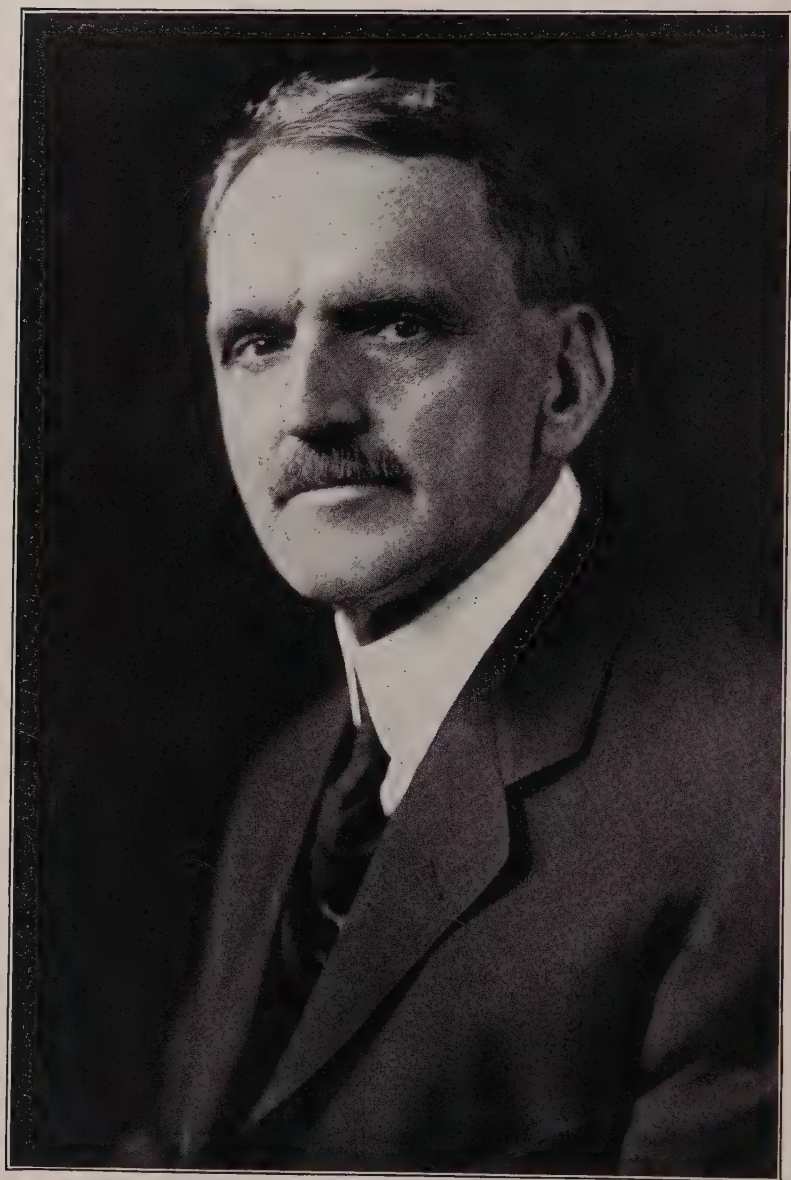
The convention which met at Cincinnati, August 29, 30 and 31, 1882, was in every way a success, though it did not equal in brilliancy the meeting of the previous year at Chicago. Delegates were present from thirty-one undergraduate and four alumni chapters. The president was Lieutenant-Governor of Indiana, Will. Cumback, De Pauw, '53, and the Secretary, Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82. The orator was Governor Albert G. Porter, De Pauw, '43, also of Indiana, and the poet was Harmon S. Babcock, Brown, '74, of Providence, Rhode Island.

The convention codified the laws of the fraternity, passed an important revenue measure, rejected the petition from Colby, tabled the one from Vanderbilt, and carefully considered some of the problems before the fraternity, without definite action. It also amended the constitution, making the conventions biennial, but this was rejected by the next convention. A committee was also appointed to revise the ritual.

During the year 1882-83, steady development and quiet prosperity were the order of the day. In the spring of 1883, the General Secretary visited many of the chapters of the fraternity. Petitions from Syracuse University, Colby University and Ohio State University failed of approval. The petitioners at Ohio State, in recognition of their persistent loyalty in working several years for a charter, were permitted to be initiated by the Ohio Wesleyan chapter.

The convention of 1883 met at Saratoga Springs, New York, August 28, 29 and 30. Wyllis C. Ransom, Michigan, '48, was president. Delegates were present from twenty-three undergraduate and from six alumni chapters. This convention was notable for its social features. One-half of each day was devoted to some excursion; a coach ride to the lake, an excursion to Mount MacGregor, a trip to Lake George, a banquet and a hop added to the attractions of the meeting, and a fine public address was delivered by Chancellor Charles N. Sims, De Pauw, '59, of Syracuse University. Petitions from Vanderbilt, Colby, Emory, and Amherst were before this convention. The last was from a strong local society called the "Torch and Crown," and was granted; the others were rejected.

An amendment making the conventions biennial was rejected. An amendment that every fourth convention should meet in Cincinnati was passed, and also one changing the public names of the chapters from their Greek titles to names taken from the institutions at which they were located. The number of chapters by this time had increased to such an extent that the alphabet had been twice exhausted and Beta Iota had been reached on the third list. The Greek letter names of the chapters were unfamiliar to the majority of the members and the change was in the direction of common sense and economy.



JOHN CALVIN HANNA, *Wooster*, '81
General Secretary 1884-1899; Trustee, 1899-1900 and 1903-1906;
President, 1900-1903.

The board of directors was requested to send an annual letter to the alumni of all inactive chapters, but the request was not followed by action. Provision was also made for levying an assessment upon the chapters to defray the convention expenses, but it was not enforced until much later.

On their way to this convention a party of the delegates met at Chautauqua Lake, and formulated the scheme for an alumni club house, which developed into the establishment of "Wooglin-on-Chautauqua" as a summer resort.

The year 1883-1884 was one of progress in every direction. On October 12, 1883 Beta Iota chapter was established at Amherst College, a local society founded in 1878, and popularly known as Torch and Crown forming the basis. Its real name was kept as a secret, never being written or printed. The awakening of interest in Beta Theta Pi on its part was due to Elisha M. Stevens, Northwestern, '85, who transferred to Amherst College, joined this local society there, and eventually secured for it a charter from his own fraternity.

The anti-fraternity laws at Vanderbilt University having been repealed in November, the petition from the group there, working under a Cumberland dispensation was promptly placed before the chapters, and having been favorably acted upon, that chapter was formally instituted February 22, 1884, as the Beta Lambda, though, at the request of the chapter, its charter was dated as of the day when the first dispensation was issued; viz., January 19, 1882. During the year, petitions from Syracuse, Central University (Kentucky), University of Georgia and Southwestern Presbyterian University failed of preliminary approval, and were rejected without being placed otherwise before the fraternity. Alumni chapters were established at Boston and Wheeling.

In April, 1884, a new edition of the song book, with full musical scores, was issued.

During this year, also, the matter of the alumni club was vigorously pushed by Charles J. Seaman, E. H. Terrell and W. K. L. Warwick. The club was incorporated, with headquarters at Cleveland. Sufficient stock being subscribed in the spring of 1884 a club house was built on the grounds on Lake Chautauqua. The board of directors of the fraternity therefore changed the place for holding the next convention, and it was ordered to be held in this new club house August 18, 1884. This convention was the first of a long series of successful meetings held at Wooglin as the club was named. Delegates were present from thirty-seven undergraduate and five alumni chapters.

The board of directors reported that objections had been made to granting dispensations, and asked for instructions, and the convention declared its approval of the practice in all cases deemed to be extraordinary.

Petitions were presented from the Ohio State University, from the University of Denver, and from the local society of Theta Phi at the University of Minnesota. They were all carefully considered and rejected. The directors were requested thoroughly to examine into the condition of several chapters alleged to be weak.

The amendment to the constitution providing for the new system of naming the chapters, whereby the public name was made that of the institution and the private name a Greek name, received the required approval of this convention, and was adopted; for instance, "The Miami chapter, the Alpha of Beta Theta Pi."

A series of laws regulating procedure at trials, and a standard set of by-laws for alumni chapters, the latter prepared by W. C. Ransom, of Michigan, were adopted.

The General Secretary suggested in his report that, in order to provide for the better performance of the work in his department, there should be added a college secretary and an alumni secretary, it being the duty of the former to keep the roll of the fraternity, and of the latter to have supervision of the establishment and management of alumni chapters.



OHIO STATE CHAPTER HOUSE

J. Cal. Hanna, Wooster, '81, was elected General Secretary, and commenced a period of administrative service to the fraternity which covered eighteen years.

The year 1884-85 was one of quiet progress. Alumni chapters were established at Washington, Philadelphia and Denver. In January a dispensation was granted to the Northwestern chapter to initiate certain students at the University of Denver, and to the Hampden-Sydney chapter to initiate students at the Union Theological Seminary, located in near proximity to it, and, in fact but not in name, a part of the institution. In February serious dissensions arose in the Mississippi chapter, having their origin largely in political prejudices, and Willis O. Robb was sent by the directors as a special commissioner to settle the difficulty, if possible, which he did satisfactorily.

The convention of 1885 met at St. Louis, August 25, 26 and 27. B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '46, was president. Delegates were present from twenty-two chapters. It was a small convention as regards numbers, but did its work effectively. Five petitions for chapters were presented: from Ohio State University, University of Texas, Michigan Agricultural

and Mechanical College, the University of Denver, and the University of Missouri.

The petition from the University of Missouri was from the members of the Zeta Phi, a fraternity of some sixteen years' standing, and which had established and lost other chapters at several Missouri colleges. They asked the privilege of bringing in their alumni, should the petition be granted. The Michigan petition also was from a local society. The Texas petition was granted; the others were directed to be placed before the chapters for a direct vote.

There were several decisions of this convention which were of interest. It was decided that members of chapters who were present might act as delegates and cast the vote of the chapters by permission of the convention, if the chapter was not otherwise represented; that when the delegation of a chapter was divided equally on any question requiring a vote by chapters, the vote should be deemed cast against the proposition, and that only those alumni chapters that had been reorganized under the law of 1881 were entitled to vote as such.

It was directed that a chapter transportation fund should be formed, to pay the railroad fare of at least one delegate from each chapter, by an annual assessment of \$10 upon each chapter, and that every chapter should insert a clause in its by-laws requiring each active member to subscribe to the magazine.

This convention was notable for the presence of two governors of Missouri—B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '45, president of the convention, and David R. Francis, Washington, '70, who presided at the banquet.

In the fall of 1885, the General Secretary published the constitution and laws, with all the amendments to date.

Soon after the convention adjourned the petitioners from Michigan State College and the University of Missouri withdrew their applications. The Ohio State University petition, being placed before the chapters, was favorably acted upon, and the chapter was formally instituted as Theta Delta chapter, December 11, 1885, upon the occasion of the third annual reunion of the Ohio chapters. The Texas chapter was instituted May 18, 1886, as Beta Omicron chapter, and on June 22, 1886, the Alpha chapter at Miami was revived, mainly through the efforts of J. Newton Brown, of the Wooster chapter.

Little else of note occurred during the year, except that in the early spring of 1886 Eugene Wambaugh published "The Handbook of 1886," as a consolidation of three numbers of the magazine. This contained the names of all members initiated since the convention of 1881, with notes on the history of the fraternity since that time, and interesting information concerning the active chapters.

The convention of 1886 met at Cincinnati, August 25, 26 and 27. Frank M. Joyce, De Pauw, '82, was chosen president. Delegates were present from thirty-three chapters.

The General Secretary presented a searching and exhaustive report concerning the condition of the college chapters, accompanied by statistics in tabular form, giving almost every desired fact about each chapter. It showed, among other things, that the number of preparatory students initiated was steadily growing less. Concerning this matter, the convention passed the following resolution:

That all chapters at which preparatory students are initiated be instructed to make efforts to come to an agreement with their rivals against such initiations, and also to make efforts to induce the college authorities to prohibit such initiations.

In a few cases such action on the part of a chapter had the desired effect. Two petitions were presented, one from the University of North Carolina, which was not acted upon, and the other from the University of Denver, which was rejected, but the directors were requested to continue the dispensation to initiate students at the latter institution. An amendment to the constitution was proposed, which was subsequently ratified by the convention of 1887, making the subscription to the magazine compulsory on the part of each active member.

A motion to remove the magazine to New York was lost, but it was enacted that in future the editor should receive whatever profit resulted from his management as compensation for his labors. A new song-book committee was appointed, and it was ordered that the semiannual reports of the chapters which had proved of great interest and value, should thereafter be printed in uniform size and style.

The directors were ordered to look into the advisability of establishing chapters at certain named institutions.

A person not a student having been initiated by the Bethany chapter, and this being the second offense of the same nature committed by that chapter, his name was ordered dropped from the roll.

During the year 1886-87, several notable Beta gatherings took place—a New England banquet at Boston, February 25, 1887, presided over by Judge P. E. Aldrich, Harvard, '44, at which sixty-one members were present; a similar though smaller affair at Baltimore, January 21, and a reception and dinner given to Governor Hoadly by the New York alumni upon the occasion of his removal to that city, March 29, at Delmonico's, which brought out a larger number than had gathered at some of the conventions, and which was the first of a series of banquets given to prominent members of the fraternity. Another fine banquet was held at Denver, June 15, which was attended by the Colorado Betas in force.

The General Secretary was absent from the United States during part of the year, and his absence was severely felt, so accustomed was the fraternity becoming to closer supervision by centralized authority.

In January, 1887, a petition was received from the University of Cincinnati, and, being placed before the chapters for a direct vote, was rejected. The Northwestern chapter having refused longer to initiate students at the University of Denver, the Kansas chapter, on January 31, 1887, asked for the privilege, and the dispensation was issued to it. No chapters were established during the year, and no petitions were in such shape that they could be acted upon by the convention.

During the year the General Secretary prepared and issued for the guidance of chapter secretaries and others a manual of information which was of great service.

The convention of 1887 met at Wooglin, July 20, 1887. James A. Beaver, Washington and Jefferson, '56, was elected president. Delegates were present from twenty-seven undergraduate and three alumni chapters. Again two governors were present at a convention—James A. Beaver, Jefferson, '56, Governor of Pennsylvania, and Albert G. Porter, De Pauw, '43, Governor of Indiana.

The persistent petition from Denver University was presented again and again rejected, but the directors were requested to continue the dispensation to initiate students there. The charter of the Rutgers chapter was withdrawn.

The editor of the magazine was requested thereafter to make a report to the convention, and a "Committee on Magazine" was added to the list of regular convention committees.

A new catalogue committee was appointed, and was instructed to print the catalogue in English, without the Greek and Hebrew symbols theretofore employed, and to insert no illustrations except such as might be especially desirable or appropriate.

Little legislation was enacted, and that mostly of a negative character. The historiographer was authorized to call for certified copies of all papers and records as he might want them, but as those having such records in charge usually would not make the copies or certify them, the enactment was of little value.

The social side of this convention was especially prominent, and the many attractions of Wooglin were enjoyed to the utmost.

During the year 1887-88 but little occurred outside of the routine life of the chapters. In January, a reunion of the Betas of Southern California took place at Los Angeles. During this same month, the fifth annual reunion of the Ohio chapters and the usual banquets in Boston and New York were held without any special features to note. In the spring the new song book appeared.

The 49th convention met at Wooglin, July 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1888. Robert W. Smith, Williams, '50, was chosen president. Delegates were present from thirty-two undergraduate and five alumni chapters. The principle of not allowing the representation of a chapter by proxy was affirmed. George Beebe, an alumnus of the Cornell chapter, who had moved to Lawrence, Kansas, the site of the Kansas chapter, and who had frequently attended its meetings, sought to represent it at the convention, but was not permitted to do so.

In a case involving what seemed to be personal disloyalty on the part of a member of the Kenyon chapter the convention emphatically reaffirmed the fraternity's policy of opposition to dual fraternity membership, and laid down the following rule concerning resignations:

No member of this fraternity may resign his membership in any active chapter of the fraternity while he continues a student in the institution wherein said chapter is situated, and still retain his membership in the fraternity at large, *excepting by virtue of a special dispensation granted by the board of directors.*

The saving clause was wisely intended for such an exceptional case as had formerly arisen at the University of Mississippi, where the resignation was caused by non-personal reasons.

Three petitions were placed before the fraternity: from Knox College, Pennsylvania State College and the University of Nebraska. After much discussion all were granted, as was also the often presented petition from the University of Denver. The favorable action of the convention was largely due to the extreme care with which in each instance the petitioners had prepared their case. Each group presented printed information of the most conclusive character as to their own standing and that of their re-

spective colleges, and answered in advance nearly every question that could be asked concerning them. They set a high standard in this respect, to which subsequent petitioners were obliged to conform. The sentiment for expansion was reflected in the fact that the convention carefully considered the standing of a number of colleges, and ascertained the general sentiment of the fraternity concerning the establishment of chapters at such places.

The convention was made notable by the presence of an unusual number of alumni of the preceding generation, and its conservative and careful treatment of the subjects brought before it for discussion may, perhaps, be attributed to that fact. Among these alumni was Rev. George W. F. Birch, D.D., Washington (Pennsylvania), '58, whose Sunday sermon from the text, "He is not ashamed to call them brethren," was a feature of convention week.

The publication of a new edition of the catalogue was placed in the hands of General Secretary Hanna, and an appropriation was made toward defraying the expense.

The magazine was ordered to discontinue the practice of exchanging with other fraternity periodicals.

The Knox chapter was revived September 6, 1888, under the name of Alpha Xi, the Nebraska chapter, was instituted September 13, 1888, under the name of Alpha Tau, the Pennsylvania State chapter, October 4, 1888, under the name of Alpha Upsilon and the Denver chapter, February 28, 1889, under the name of Alpha Zeta. The original Knox chapter was called the Xi and the Randolph-Macon chapter the Alpha Xi. When the roll was rearranged in 1881, as the Knox chapter was then inactive, its name was given to the Randolph-Macon chapter. Alpha Tau was the name of the chapter at William and Mary College, Alpha Upsilon of the chapter at Boston and Alpha Zeta of the one at Chicago. Boston was called Upsilon by the convention of 1881. When the chapter at the University of Chicago was re-established it was called Lambda Rho.

Opportunities for the establishment of other chapters speedily arose. Under a dispensation, students at the University of Syracuse were initiated, and an unusually worthy group of petitioners having applied, their request was unanimously granted, and the chapter established January 10, 1889, as Beta Epsilon. Certain students of Wesleyan were also initiated at Amherst and established as a chapter May 17, 1890, taking the name of Mu Epsilon.

Each of these steps was taken in pursuance of a broader policy than appeared on the surface. Early in the college year, 1888-89, a correspondence had sprung up between certain Betas and the three surviving chapters of the Mystical Seven, one of the oldest of the fraternities, and which had made a splendid reputation at Wesleyan, Syracuse, Emory, Georgia, and elsewhere, but which, as detailed in another chapter, had suffered reverses, leaving but three chapters living; viz: at the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina, and Davidson College. At the University of Virginia, the Beta chapter for four or five years had been mainly composed of members transferred from other chapters, who were pursuing professional studies only, and so lacked the earnest, active life which a chapter should have. It was felt that the Mystics would form a strong and desirable addition at this place. The two North Carolina chapters would revive the inactive Beta chapters at those institutions, the Beta chapters at

Mississippi and Cumberland would revive the inactive Mystic chapters at those places, and it was felt that Beta Theta Pi was strong enough to enter Wesleyan and Syracuse and provide the alumni of the Mystic chapters at those places with proper chapter connections. The negotiations finally resulted in the appointment of a committee on each side: for Beta Theta Pi, William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, John I. Covington, Miami, '70, and James T. Brown, Cornell, '76; for the Mystical Seven, Herbert Barry, Virginia, '88, Eugene B. Withers, North Carolina, '88, Louis L. Young, Virginia, '90, and Robert R. Stevenson, Davidson, '89.

The committees met at New York, December 29, 1888, and agreed upon terms which the convention of 1889 modified in some particulars but which were accepted by the Mystics, and the agreement as modified was accepted by the convention of 1890.

It was somewhat singular that at the time the correspondence between Mr. Baird and Mr. Barry originated, J. Jordan Leake, of the Randolph-Macon chapter, suggested to the General Secretary that such a union would be desirable.

Another and somewhat similar move was taking place at Dartmouth. The Sigma Delta Pi Society, founded in 1858, had petitioned for a Beta charter under the influence of the Boston chapter, and a committee, composed of William M. Warren, Wilbur H. Seibert, and Charles G. Cushman, reported favorably.

A dispensation had also been granted to the Stevens chapter for the purpose of initiating students at Rutgers as a basis for reviving the chapter there and had been wisely used in bringing into the fraternity two energetic young men.



THE INDIANA CHAPTER HOUSE



JAMES LATHROP GAVIN, *De Pauw* '96
General Treasurer of Beta Theta Pi Since 1904

CHAPTER VII

THE SECOND HALF-CENTURY BEGINS

June 19, 1889, the semi-centennial of the Alpha chapter was celebrated at Miami, in connection with the commencement exercises of the university. Two of the founders, Knox and Marshall, were present, and a goodly company of others whose names are sprinkled through our annals. The exercises consisted of an address of welcome by Professor Andrew D. Hepburn, Jefferson, '51, followed by a speech from the president of the university, and then by speeches from John Reily Knox and Samuel Taylor Marshall, the two founders present, Major Ransom, Dr. Reamy, and others. The meeting was presided over by Hon. John W. Herron, who was president both of the fraternity and of the board of trustees of the university. In the afternoon, there was a reception at the Western Female Seminary given by Miss Leila McKee, daughter of John L. McKee, Centre, '49, a constant wearer of the Beta badge, and who was the principal of the seminary, assisted by several ladies. In the evening a banquet was held, and there were present representatives from Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta, long time rivals but happy to bear witness to the worthiness of their ancient foe. The occasion was also marked by the choice of the rose as the fraternity flower, the suggestion coming from Miss McKee.

The convention of 1889 met at Wooglin, July 23. Delegates were present from thirty-four undergraduate and one alumni chapter. Charles L. Thornburg, Vanderbilt, '81, was chosen president. Petitions were presented from Cincinnati and Michigan State College. The latter was rejected and the former was allowed to continue initiations under dispensation, but was not chartered. Charters were granted to the Dartmouth chapter under the title of Alpha Omega, and to Syracuse under that of Beta Epsilon. The Mystical Seven matter was disposed of as previously stated. The convention also recommended the granting of several dispensations, with subsequent good results.

Little change of a legislative character took place. The amendments of the previous convention were ratified and became part of the organic law, and no new laws were enacted. The catalogue editor reported on the nature of his work and the progress made. The magazine was again permitted to exchange with other fraternity journals, a privilege withdrawn by the convention of the previous year, and the convention ratified and endorsed the selection of the rose as an additional fraternity emblem.

The social features of the meeting were as usual, prominent, and though it was preëminently a working convention, it was notable for the amount of pleasure provided outside of that derived from fraternal intercourse.

The year 1889-90 opened auspiciously with the consummation of the union with the Mystical Seven. The convention had made the union dependent upon the consent of the Virginia chapter, whose members would be most intimately affected by it. That chapter was late in its organization for the year, but on October 12, 1889, Rev. G. W. F. Birch, D.D., and William R. Baird visited the university as special commissioners, and the formal ratifications were exchanged. The chapter at the University of North Caro-

lina was formally inducted into the fraternity December 7, 1889, under the name of Eta Beta, that at Davidson College February 8, 1890, under the name of Phi Alpha, under the direction of J. J. Leake, who had suggested the union in October, 1888.

In January, 1890, in token of the union, the phrase, "With which has been united the *Mystic Messenger*," was added to the title of *Beta Theta Pi*.

The Wesleyan and Syracuse chapters, which had received charters as chapters of the Mystical Seven before the union, at once began to take steps to bring into harmonious Beta relations the Mystic alumni of those two chapters. In the spring of 1890, the records of the inactive Mystic chapters in Georgia were recovered, and steps were taken to find and bring their alumni into similar relations.



THE WESLEYAN CHAPTER HOUSE

In November, 1889, a fine group at the University of Minnesota was initiated under a dispensation granted to the Wisconsin chapter, and subsequently became the Beta Pi chapter. The establishment of this chapter was due mainly to the efforts of W. Teis Smith, Iowa Wesleyan, '86; Leedom Sharp, Pennsylvania, '81, and Edwin A. Jaggard, Dickinson, '79. During the year the work of reviving the Rutgers chapter was prosecuted vigorously, and a body of petitioners at Rochester was diligently at work preparing its petition and its necessary recommendations, and similar work was being done at Lehigh. The petition from the University of Cincinnati was again placed before the chapters and received their favorable action, and the chapter was formally instituted May 30, 1890, under the name of Beta Nu. It was, in sentiment, a revival of the old Cincinnati chapter, the second one of the fraternity. This petition had been before the chapters for several years, and the applicants had formed themselves into a local club called the Chi Sigma Zeta, or the Hour Glass Society. During this year, also, a large

number of petitions were received which never passed beyond the initial stages. The petition from the Zeta Phi at the University of Missouri had also been placed before the fraternity, but had not received a sufficient number of votes at the date when the convention met, and so it happened that the petition was granted directly by the convention.

The board of directors, in the spring of 1890, through a committee composed of Frank M. Joyce, Charles M. Hepburn and John I. Covington, selected a flag for the fraternity, which action met with general approval. In March, the publication of the *Mystic Messenger* was begun. It was designed as a means of transmitting to chapters and interested members information deemed too private and confidential to be printed in the fraternity magazine which was read by outsiders. The results hoped from its advent, however, were not secured. Altogether, the year was one of great activity.

The convention of 1890 assembled at Wooglin, August 25. John Reily Knox, Miami, '39, was chosen president. There were present delegates from thirty-four undergraduate and five alumni chapters.

The address of welcome was made by John Reily Knox, one of the founders of the fraternity, and was replied to by Governor James A. Beaver, of Pennsylvania, followed by the raising of the fraternity flag above the club house. The orator was Willis O. Robb, and his beautiful address on "Fraternity Humanity" was a delightful exposition of elevated thought. This was followed by the poem by Willis Boughton, Michigan, '81, and a meeting in memory of General Robert W. Smith, of the old Williams chapter. The convention listened to the reading of the Mystic ritual, received and heard read the original copy of the constitution of 1839, appointed a committee to revise the ritual, and provided a scheme for paying for the transportation of at least one delegate from each chapter to the conventions. It also appointed a committee to draft a revised form of government, and because of some uncertainty regarding previous action in this matter, directed that the incorporation of the fraternity be secured beyond reasonable doubt.

The following resolution in regard to the relations of alumni and other Betas at a college was passed, as expressing accurately the sentiment of the fraternity:

Resolved, That this convention recognizes that the spirit of our fraternity gives full chapter rights and membership to every Beta in any department of an institution wherein any chapter is located, and to the chapter full authority and fraternity jurisdiction over every such Beta.

That it is highly desirable that it be left to fraternal agreement between the chapter and individual Betas in the professional and post-graduate departments whether such members shall assume all the responsibilities and privileges belonging to such active members.

A practice which had been followed by some chapters for several years was referred to in the following resolution:

Resolved, That every chapter shall set apart one session in the first quarter of the college year to discuss general fraternity matters.

A petition from the University of Rochester was rejected.

The year 1890-91 opened with the institution of Zeta Phi at the University of Missouri, October 6, 1890. During the year, the Lehigh dispensation was continued and the chapter slowly and carefully built up. The same was the case with the Rutgers petitioners; and March 5, 1891, a number of students at Yale were initiated under a dispensation to Columbia.

The event of the year, however, was the dinner tendered to Hon. John M. Harlan, Centre, '50, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the

United States, at Wormley's Hotel, Washington, February 6, 1891. Previous to that time no similar dinner was ever given by a college fraternity. The committee was composed of eminent men, who issued an autograph invitation to attend. One hundred and eighty-two guests were present, and the ceremonies proper were preceded by the initiation of David J. Brewer, Wesleyan, '55, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Benjamin S. Minor, Virginia, '86; Eugene Withers, North Carolina, '88; Frank Andrews, Virginia, '91, and George B. Johnston, Virginia, '72, members of the Mystical Seven, and Prof. John R. Eastman, of the U. S. Naval Observatory, Dartmouth, '62, of the Sigma Delta Pi Society. "Never before in the history of the college fraternities had such eminent candidates appeared together for initiation."

The fraternity caught the banqueting fever, and dinners were held at Syracuse, at Boston, at Newark, Ohio, and at Chicago. Otherwise the year was one of quiet work and steady progress.

The convention of 1891 met at Wooglin, August 3, and lasted for six days. Joseph C. Gordon, Monmouth, '66, was chosen president. Delegates were present from fifty-two chapters, ten being unrepresented.

The convention was preëminently a legislative one. Radical changes were suggested in the system of government. The functions before exercised by the board of directors were divided with a new body, called the executive committee, composed of the three general officers, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer and the Alumni Secretary, one of whom was to be elected each year, for the term of three years. This committee was charged with the "executive administration of the affairs of the fraternity." The board of directors retained the corporate powers vested in them by the law of Ohio and the control of "the surplus funds and properties of the fraternity," together with the duty of framing the bond of the General Treasurer. The General Treasurer was made the custodian of the funds of the fraternity and was directed to pay them out only upon appropriations made by the general convention, or upon requisitions of the General Secretary or magazine editor, approved by the Alumni Secretary. The funds were thus made payable to the persons who needed to use them, and the Alumni Secretary was made an auditing officer. These were constitutional changes, and were subject to the approval of the next convention.

The changes made in the laws provided that the convention minutes should be printed as a special number of the magazine; that the chapter semi-annual letters should be abolished and annual letters from each chapter should be prepared and published as a special or supplemental number to the magazine; that the subscription price of the magazine should be two dollars except to the younger alumni of three years' standing or less, to whom the price should continue to be one dollar.

All these changes were in the direction of increasing the amount and availability of the information concerning the fraternity, and of placing the administration of its affairs and the disbursing of its funds in the hands of the officers whose duty it was to suggest and advise executive movements and the payment of money.

Although a petition from the University of Rochester had been rejected by the convention of 1890, a dispensation was granted to the Cornell chapter to initiate Rochester students. But the chapter declined to use it and the petitioning group subsequently secured a charter from Theta Delta Chi.

Three petitions came before the convention from Lehigh, Rutgers and Yale, and were all granted; to Lehigh as Beta Chi, to Rutgers under its old name of Beta Gamma, and to Yale under the name of Phi Chi. The Kenyon and Pennsylvania chapters had become virtually inactive during the year, and the charter of the latter was withdrawn; but at the earnest request of two Kenyon alumni, W. K. L. Warwick and J. Ed. Good, the charter of the former was placed in their hands, with good future results.

The formal installation of the Lehigh chapter took place October 1, 1891, of the revived Rutgers chapter a little later in the same month, and of the Yale chapter, February 19, 1892.

During the year 1891-1892, petitions were received from Buchtel College, the University of Illinois, Washington and Lee University and U. S. Grant University, and movements for chapters at other places were set on foot, but none of them secured the necessary preliminary recommendations.



THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER HOUSE

The year was one of internal development and work. Some chapters were strengthened. District reunions and other gatherings were frequent. A dinner at Baltimore February 26, called William M. Springer and Justice Brewer from the capitol, and a series of gatherings of this kind fittingly terminated April 16, 1892 with a dinner given to John W. Noble, Secretary of the Interior, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City. Though not so large a gathering as the dinner to Justice Harlan, this was well attended, attracted much public notice, and was made more of by the press of the country than the conventions of many fraternities, doubtless owing to the prominence of the guests and some of the speakers. Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, presided.

During the year, also, considerable interest was manifested in a proposed exhibit of college fraternities at the World's Fair, chiefly incited by Richard Lee Fearn, Stevens, '84, who was Secretary of the Foreign Department at the fair. The proposed exhibit was not brought forward in time, the necessary co-operation of other fraternities could not be secured, and the project was finally abandoned.

The convention of 1892 met at Wooglin, August 3. E. Bruce Chandler, Michigan, '58, was president. Delegates were present from thirty-seven undergraduate and three alumni chapters.

The amendments to the constitution passed by the convention of 1891 were ratified, and thus became part of the organic law of the fraternity. The payment of the annual dues was made a prerequisite to the representation of a chapter at a convention, and they were fixed at a figure which should include the payments theretofore made on account of the magazine, the railroad tax and the general expense account.

A few of the chapters were placed on probation on account of sundry delinquencies in their work. No charters were granted, but dispensations were directed to be issued to the Northwestern chapter to initiate students at the University of Chicago, and to the California chapter to initiate students at Leland Stanford University.

The first Year-Book, composed of the chapter letters, and comprising a volume of 250 pages replete with information concerning the fraternity, was presented to this convention.

During the year 1892-93, the subject of a representation of the fraternity at the World's Fair quite generally engaged the attention of the chapters.

The dispensation for the University of Chicago was exercised by the Northwestern chapter September 30, 1892, the night before the formal opening of the institution, and six students of the classes of '93, '95 and '96 were initiated. No other chapters were established or attempted during the year. There was an unusual number of informal gatherings at Baltimore, Washington, New York, Denver, Boston, and other Beta centers of activity.

The convention of 1893 met at Wooglin, July 26. William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, was chosen president. Delegates were present from forty-eight undergraduate and five alumni chapters. It was the last convention to meet at this place. The World's Fair at Chicago undoubtedly was the cause of the meagre attendance of visitors.

The convention granted a charter to the petitioners from the University of Chicago, withdrew the charter of the chapter at Randolph-Macon College and attached a limiting condition to that of the Mississippi chapter.

Other legislation passed looking to improvement in the routine work of the fraternity, and it was also ordered that the magazine be moved from Cincinnati to New York.

During the year 1893-1894, the progress of the fraternity was noticeable in many directions. The new plan whereby the affairs of the fraternity were to be administered by the Executive Committee, had resulted in some confusion, because the law of Ohio under which the fraternity was incorporated prescribed that such powers should be vested in the Board of Directors. Each body sought to exercise exclusively the functions conferred upon it by the fraternity or the state respectively. As each body was composed of earnest, loyal Betas the situation became painful. After the 1893 convention the administration of the Executive Committee was firmer and it felt that it had the confidence of the fraternity and was not afraid to exercise the power which had been entrusted to it. In an effort to harmonize the relations between it and the Board of Directors the members of this committee had been chosen Directors. This was of some value, but, as a matter of fact, the powers of the Directors as prescribed by the law of Ohio overlapped those of the Executive Committee as prescribed by the fraternity and, as each body sought to do its duty and each to perform all of such

functions, an irreconcilable conflict arose. During the year there was considerable heated correspondence arising out of the difficulties of this situation. The discord, however, was ignored in the *Beta Theta Pi* and the undergraduates knew little of it. From the viewpoint of constitutional development the controversy no doubt helped to shape the thought of leaders who, subsequently, worked out the problem in a satisfactory manner.

The Kenyon chapter which had been inactive since June, 1891 was revived in September, 1893 through the efforts of J. Edward Good, Kenyon, '84, William B. Doyle, Amherst, '91, and Arthur A. Billman, Wooster, '96, the latter having transferred from the University of Wooster to Kenyon College for this express purpose. With eighty students only in the institution



THE YALE CHAPTER HOUSE

and with four older fraternity chapters well established on the hill, it was no easy task; but after a vigorous campaign eleven individuals were pledged and these were initiated by the Western Reserve chapter in its rooms in Cleveland on October 25, 1893, and Beta Alpha again was in flourishing condition.

The chapter at the University of Chicago was established January 26, 1894. No name was assigned to it but it temporarily assumed the name of Lambda Rho, which it was permitted to retain. During the year, under dispensations, students were initiated at Stanford University and New York University with a view to establishing chapters at those institutions. Applications for charters were also received from Central University (Missouri), William Jewell College (Missouri), Baker University (Kansas), and from the Gamma Digamma Kappa Society at Washington and Lee University. None of these petitions were favorably acted upon.

All of the chapters were in good condition with the exception of those at Columbia, Harvard and Mississippi.

During this year the Betas at Chicago gave a banquet to John I. Coving-

ton in deserved recognition of his preëminent services to the fraternity. At the annual reunion of the Ohio chapters at Columbus, Gen. John B. Gordon, Georgia, '58, an eminent member of the Mystical Seven, was initiated.

The convention of 1894 met at Niagara Falls, July 24, 1894. Junius E. Beal, Michigan, '82, was elected president. Delegates were present from all of the undergraduate chapters except Columbia, Johns Hopkins, North Carolina, Richmond, Bethany, Hanover and Iowa. Eight alumni chapters were represented. Melville D. Landon, Colgate, '61, (Eli Perkins) was the orator and Harmon S. Babcock, Brown, '74, was the poet.

The convention granted a charter to the petitioners from Stanford who had been initiated under dispensation. The charter of the Mississippi chapter was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee. A petition from Tufts College was rejected. A dispensation was ordered to be issued to the Stevens chapter to initiate students at the New York University.

This convention enacted much legislation in a fruitless endeavor to harmonize the relations between its two discordant executive bodies. It also received and accepted the report of William R. Baird announcing the publication of "Fraternity Studies" authorized by the convention of 1893. The magazine management was approved and continued. This was the first convention not held at Wooglin in a number of years and many of the convention veterans seemed to enjoy the change.

During the college year 1894-1895 the fraternity continued to be hampered by the lack of harmony between the Directors and the Executive Committee. The former practically did nothing except to approve of the bond of the treasurer, adjust the claim of Charles M. Hepburn, the former editor and business manager of the *Beta Theta Pi*, and to inquire into the status of the incorporation of the fraternity. It was ascertained that in 1879 all the requirements of the Ohio law had not been complied with and the Directors thereupon reincorporated themselves under date of March 16, 1895.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity witnesseth, that we, the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the State of Ohio, desiring to form a corporation, not for profit, under the general corporation laws of said State, do hereby certify,

First—The name of said corporation shall be The Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

Second—Said corporation is to be located at Cincinnati, in Hamilton County, Ohio, and its principal business there transacted.

Third—Said corporation is formed for the purpose of the promotion of the moral and social culture of its members, the establishment of confidence and friendly relations between students of various colleges and universities, and the perpetuation of a fraternity that recognizes mutual assistance in the honorable labors and aspirations of life, unsullied friendship, unflinching fidelity and the cultivation of the intellect, as objects worthy of the highest aim and purposes of associated effort; and the holding and control of such real and personal prosperity as the foregoing objects may render expedient.

In witness whereby we have hereunto set our hands, this 1st day of March, A.D. 1895.

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DAVID H. MOORE

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State, March 16, 1895.

The General Treasurer refused, however, either to inform the Directors of his receipts and expenditures, or to permit them to supervise his accounts,

claiming to be responsible only to the convention. In effect, the Executive Committee continued to administer the affairs of the fraternity.

One chapter was established during the year, the Lambda Sigma at Leland Stanford, the Greek initials of the name corresponding with the two initials of the official name of the institution, usually shortened to Stanford. The Mississippi chapter made several initiations, and the Harvard, Yale, and Columbia chapters showed marked improvement. A dispensation was issued to the Lehigh chapter to initiate students at the University of Pennsylvania with a view to the revival of the Phi chapter. The dispensation to Stevens to initiate men at New York University was not exercised.



THE STANFORD CHAPTER HOUSE

Several movements for chapters were projected. Petitions were received from the Universities of Tennessee, Vermont and Arkansas. Applications for charters were made by the last surviving chapters of Phi Theta Psi at Washington and Lee and William and Mary, to revive the inactive Beta chapters at those colleges, but they did not receive the support of the nearby chapters. A movement was also started at the State University of Washington.

In connection with the usual reunion of district III, a dinner was given at Philadelphia to Governor Beaver of Pennsylvania, April 25, 1895. There were many reunions and banquets throughout the year and alumni chapters were organized in Philadelphia, St. Louis and Boston. The magazine management sent the issue of the magazine containing the annual reports to practically all of the alumni for the first time and it awakened much interest.

During the year Samuel Taylor Marshall, one of the surviving founders of the fraternity, and John I. Covington, both died. Covington, who, in his youth, was fired by the zeal of Roger Williams of the Miami chapter, was

one of the most unselfish and devoted enthusiasts the fraternity had developed and his death was keenly felt.

The convention of 1895 was held at the Chicago Beach Hotel, July 23-27. Thaddeus A. Reamy, Ohio Wesleyan, '70, was chosen president. It was well attended and the Chicago alumni outdid themselves in entertaining the visiting Betas.

No charters were granted by this convention but the petition from the University of Pennsylvania was ordered to be submitted to the chapters for action as soon as the college year opened, and the dispensation to the Stevens chapter to initiate men at New York University was ordered discontinued. The charter of the Richmond chapter was withdrawn.

The Directors, in their report to this convention, complained that the Treasurer had neglected to inform them concerning the receipts and expenditure of money and insisted that their legal rights be recognized. The chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence, who had long been a Director and one of the most active in endeavoring to secure its control of the fraternity's finances, framed and submitted to the convention enactments designed to accomplish such purpose. These were rejected by the convention whereupon most of the directors resigned. Their places were promptly filled.

In order to end the lack of harmony in the governing bodies of the fraternity, a code commission was appointed to draft a new constitution and laws which should prevent the continuance of the undesirable condition then existing.

The General Treasurer reported that he was frequently in doubt from what location to pay the railroad fare of delegates. He mentioned a New England chapter which twice had been represented by a member residing in Florida who claimed mileage from his place of residence, and as other similar cases had arisen he asked for instructions. After some discussion, the treasurer was ordered to pay the fare of a delegate from his residence and not from the location of the chapter which he represented.

The revised ritual was received and ordered to be printed for trial by the chapters.

An attempt was made to solidify the districts and consolidate their influence by the passage of a resolution that the districts should elect and recommend to the president of each convention nominees for the committee on chapters and charters. This attempt to control the action of the president was not repeated at subsequent conventions and the resolution has never since been followed.

A pleasant incident of the meeting was the receipt from Sigma Chi, assembled in convention at Cincinnati, of a telegram reading, "The youngest sister of Miami's triad sends greeting to the eldest." A cordial reply was sent.

The public exercises consisted of an address by John J. Lentz, Wooster, '81, and a poem by Don D. Donnan, Iowa, '85.

The year 1895-1896 was uneventful. The reorganized Directors did nothing except to consider matters so strictly within their sphere of action that there could be no question about it, and the Executive Committee administered the affairs of the fraternity efficiently.

Two banquets given during the college year, one at Philadelphia to Mr. Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court, and the other at Boston to Alonzo P. Carpenter, Williams, '49, of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire; John Hopkins, Dartmouth, '62, of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and

William T. Elmer, Wesleyan, '58, of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, attracted some public attention.

The petition from the University of Pennsylvania placed before the chapters was granted. The Phi chapter thus re-established received an unexpected accession of strength from the fact that just prior to its installation the Tau Delta society which had been petitioning Alpha Delta Phi for a charter, withdrew such petition and joined the Beta applicants.

The Mississippi chapter did not improve. An epidemic caused an unusual temporary decrease in the attendance of the university and this became permanent by the active solicitation of rival institutions. The reactionary spirit of the Chicago convention discouraged petitions for charters and only two such movements took place during the year, one at New York University and the other at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

During the year much activity was manifested by the chapters in entering chapter houses, seven being added to the list. The reunions were numerous and enthusiastic, all of the districts but three having banquets in connection with them.

The convention of 1896 was held at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, July 28-31. Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, was elected president. The weather was intensely hot and tried the patience of the delegates and the debates consequently were sharp in tone. In fact, the differences of opinion which arose made all uncomfortable and in many respects the convention lacked harmony. But it did important work and the temporary discord soon disappeared and was forgotten.

The new constitution upon which the code commission, consisting of Major Ransom, J. Cal Hanna and William A. Hamilton, had worked hard during the year was adopted so far as it could be done, as it required the action of two successive conventions to make a change in the organic law. Most of the recommendations of the commission were accepted unaltered but a proposed provision making the conventions biennial instead of annual was rejected. The principal changes were the abolition of the Executive Committee, the reduction of the number of Directors to six and the inclusion of the President, General Secretary and General Treasurer among that number. One-third of the trustees, as they now began to be called instead of Directors, that is, one officer and one trustee were to be elected each year. The office of Alumni Secretary was abolished. The commission restricted the constitution closely to a statement of a plan of government and left the regulation of matters of administration to be governed by a series of laws.

The commission also advised the convention that an examination of the legal questions involved and the receipt of opinions from the Attorney General and Secretary of State of Ohio enabled them to report that the laws of Ohio placed no restriction upon the residence of any of the trustees, thus getting rid of a great stumbling block.

The code commission was continued and instructed to prepare a system of laws in harmony with the provisions of the new constitution.

The convention rejected the petition from the New York University and discouraged a petition from the Indianapolis alumni for the re-establishment of the chapter at Butler University.

The public exercises consisted of an address on "The Fraternity as an Element of National Unity," by John S. Wise, Virginia, '67, and a poem on "The Legend of Wooglin," by Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92.

The college year 1896-1897 was uneventful. No chapters were established during the year, and no petitions were presented to the fraternity, for the first time in its history. The rejection of applications from New York University, University of Vermont, Tufts College, and a number of other well known institutions had frightened off applicants and discouraged the alumni. Much work, however, was done in the direction of improving the administration of the fraternity.

The convention of 1897 was held at Niagara Falls July 16-20. W. A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, was elected president. Its most important work was the formal and final adoption of the new constitution and the consideration of an entire system of laws, which was adopted practically as presented. The power to issue dispensations was given to the trustees, and they were also given a veto power upon the legislation of the conventions to be exercised by a vote of four members within one month after the publication of the minutes and concerning any subject except the granting or revoking of a charter. The manner of providing for the payment of money, was also modified requiring payments by the General Treasurer upon warrants signed by the president. There were in reality few changes in the laws but their arrangement was improved and their language clarified. The constitution was so admirably phrased that no alteration of any kind was made in its language for twenty-nine years when the section relating to petitions for charters was slightly changed to suit the spirit of the times.

At this convention the entire Board of Trustees resigned, the Executive Committee went out of office, and new trustees were elected, viz: William A. Hamilton, President; J. Cal Hanna, General Secretary; Charles L. Thornburg, General Treasurer, and Willis O. Robb, Francis H. Sisson, and Campbell J. McDiarmid.

The year 1897-1898 was another one of quiet growth and progress. It was saddened by the death of John Reily Knox on February 7, 1898. The war with Spain took away from the chapters some of their most earnest workers. No applications were made for charters. The only movement in this direction was by a local society at Columbian University (since renamed George Washington University) at Washington, D.C., and that did not pass through the initial stages.

The Board of Trustees, under the new organization held four meetings during the year and administered affairs to the great satisfaction of all. The General Treasurer was better supported than ever before. The General Secretary rearranged the districts slightly, putting the two chapters on the Pacific coast in a new district and transferring Michigan from District VII to District VIII.

A forecast of future policy in the fraternity was made when the Cornell chapter attempted to expel one of its alumni members for non-payment of dues accruing while he was an undergraduate. The trustees declined to permit this but offered under the laws to assume original jurisdiction of the case if a proper complaint were made. Following the suggestion, the chapter soon preferred charges against the individual, who was tried, convicted and expelled.

The Yale chapter, which had been the object of some solicitude on the part of the chapters, was investigated thoroughly by Willis O. Robb and an accurate statement of its condition and prospects presented to the fraternity,

The Vanderbilt chapter suffered a serious decline and the North Carolina and Mississippi chapters were not in as good condition as desired, but the Columbia chapter steadily improved.

The convention of 1898 was held at Cincinnati, July 19-22. Burton B. Tuttle, Denison, '87, was chosen president. It adopted the code of laws and appointed a committee to provide a suitable memorial to Pater Knox. It authorized the Lambda chapter to restore to their former place upon its roll the names of David M. Cooper and Horatio W. Shaw, dropped at their own request in 1847. It considered the question of the relations of the alumni to the undergraduates without any particular conclusion being arrived at and performed admirably a lot of routine work. The social side of the convention received ample attention and the generous hospitality of the Cincinnati Betas was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The year 1897-1898 closed the term as General Treasurer of Charles L. Thornburg. He systematized the work of his office, put into effect many novel and efficient features of administration and left it with the general regret of the fraternity. He was continued on the Board to fill out the term of Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, who was selected as his successor as General Treasurer.

The year 1898-1899 was one during which the fraternity practically stood still, if it did not actually retrograde. The long discord between the executive committee and the trustees had its result in lack of enthusiasm and interest in some of the chapters, and the unsettled business conditions resulting from the war with Spain, and the hostile attitude of many of the chapters toward normal efforts at expansion, all had their natural effect. During the year no chapters were established and but one petition for a charter was received. This was from a local fraternity at West Virginia University.

The Cumberland chapter at the close of the year surrendered its charter on account of a lack of suitable material in the undergraduate department and the fluctuating character of the attendance in the professional schools. The Vanderbilt, Bethany, Hampden-Sydney and North Carolina chapters were in poor condition during the year and the Mississippi chapter was moribund.

The convention of 1899 met at Niagara Falls, New York, July 28-August 1. H. Walton Mitchell, Pennsylvania State, was chosen president. It granted no charters and distinctly discouraged suggestions for chapters at the Universities of West Virginia and Washington and at Drury College (Missouri). It considered the matter of membership in Theta Nu Epsilon and similar inter-class, inter-fraternity societies and forbade Betas to join the same, except upon a dispensation of the trustees issued upon the application of a chapter by a two-thirds majority vote; and then the dispensation was to be for one year only.

The alumni relations of the fraternity were carefully considered and a law enacted directing the trustees to send to the alumni every four years a general letter and to the alumni of every inactive chapter one every year. A new pledge button was adopted, a new design for a flag was suggested, and a standard form of badge was adopted.

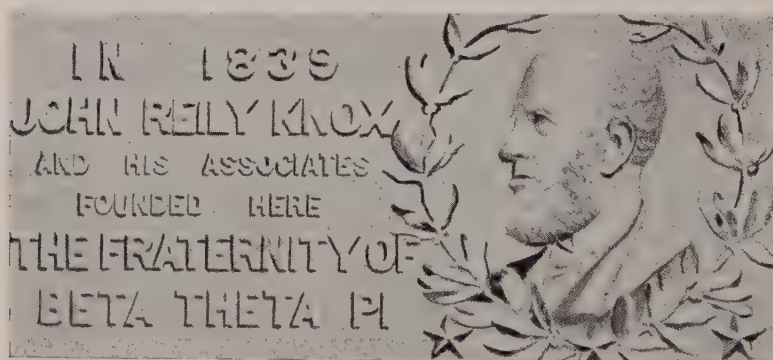
A committee was appointed to place at Miami University a memorial tablet commemorative of John Reily Knox and his part in founding the fraternity.

At this convention the catalogue completely printed and bound was presented and Brother Hanna's eleven years' work on it was finished. He also retired as General Secretary after an unprecedented term of most efficient service. He was then chosen a member of the Board of Trustees. Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, was chosen as his successor as General Secretary, Warren D. Oakes, De Pauw, '95, taking the latter's place as General Treasurer.

During 1899-1900 the Board of Trustees, acting under the mandate of the convention, sent committees to inspect the Mississippi, North Carolina and Vanderbilt chapters. As a result of the work, the last two chapters were rescued from a perilous condition. The Columbia and Yale chapters steadily improved and the Lehigh chapter increased its membership. The Harvard chapter, however, began to acquire the attitude of distrust and discontent which finally led to the revocation of its charter, and the Colgate chapter was torn with dissensions arising out of the Theta Nu Epsilon problem. The new General Secretary had his hands full.

During the latter part of the year 1899 a number of movements for chapters attracted attention. Two of them, viz., at West Virginia University and the University of Colorado, had previously been discouraged. Another arose at Bowdoin College and yet others at Washington University (St. Louis), Austin College, at Sherman, Texas, and the University of South Dakota. The first three secured the necessary preliminary endorsements, but the others did not.

On June 15, 1900, the committee appointed for that purpose unveiled at Miami the bronze tablet in memory of John Reily Knox. It was placed in the wall of the college chapel on almost the exact site of the room occupied by Knox in 1839. It is of bronze, four feet by two, and has in relief at the right a bust portrait of Knox surrounded by a laurel wreath and surmounting three stars and at the left in raised letters the words:



"In 1839 John Reily Knox and his associates founded here the Fraternity of Beta Theta Pi."

It was the work of Prof. C. J. Barnhorn, of Cincinnati. At the exercises attending the unveiling a few introductory remarks were made by Rev. David S. Tappan, Miami, '64, president of the University. The tablet was then presented to the University by Bishop David H. Moore, Ohio, '60, and accepted by John W. Herron, Miami, '45, president of the Board of Trustees of the University. It was a curious demonstration of the close

relation between the fraternity and Miami that the college officials were Betas.

The convention of 1900 met at Put-in-Bay Island in Lake Erie, August 28-31. John Calvin Hanna, Wooster, '81, was elected president. Four chapters were unrepresented.

The convention received the report of the committee with respect to the indebtedness incurred in the publication of a catalogue and provided for its payment. It provided a new flag much more dignified than the previous one. It arranged for the revision of the ritual, and the publication of a new edition of the song book.

Three petitions for charters were acted upon by this convention and all were granted; these were from the Beta Psi society at West Virginia University, the Beta Tau Omega society at the University of Colorado, and the Sword and Shield society at Bowdoin College. The movement at Washington University was encouraged by a resolution.

The year 1900-1901 was one of much activity and some progress. The trustees held six meetings.

The chapters chartered by the convention of 1900 were instituted as follows: West Virginia, September 15, 1900, under the name of Beta Psi; Bowdoin, October 12, 1900, under the name of Beta Sigma, and Colorado, October 20, 1900, under the name of Beta Tau. Later in the year the Alpha Iota chapter at Washington University, St. Louis, was re-established by the absorption of a local society. The vote on this application was taken by mail, and the thoroughness with which the petitioners presented their case was rewarded by the prompt affirmative action of the chapters.

The Colgate chapter which had much trouble over some of its members joining Theta Nu Epsilon managed to overcome the difficulty and entered upon a renewed career of prosperity. The Mississippi chapter finally became extinct, but the Vanderbilt and North Carolina chapters picked up courage and improved their condition considerably. Yale and Columbia also made advances. At Harvard, however, the local club spirit became so strong that it was felt that the fraternity could no longer keep its self-respect and permit the chapter to retain its charter. There was no open rupture but the chapter ceased to initiate and returned its charter and records to the trustees. Its members, or the larger part of them, formed a club called "The Calumet Club," the principles and practices of which were more in accord with Harvard conditions than those of Beta Theta Pi.

The Minnesota chapter purchased a house and Indiana, Syracuse, Ohio and Bowdoin chapters became householders.

A great revival of interest took place this year among the alumni, and besides a dinner to Governor Odell at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, on February 1, 1901, there were banquets at many cities, including Columbus, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Seattle, Newark, Ohio, Aiken, South Carolina, and other places.

The action of the fraternity in simultaneously granting three charters in 1900 and re-establishing the chapter at Washington University in 1901, gave encouragement to many groups of students or local societies, and movements for chapters were started at Cornell College (Iowa), University of Vermont, Lake Forest University, Centenary College (Louisiana), and the Universities of Illinois, Tennessee, Washington and South Dakota.

On June 29, 1901, the club house at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, formerly owned by alumni of the fraternity, was struck by lightning and in a short time was completely destroyed by fire.

The convention of 1901 was held at Lakewood-on-Chautauqua, August 27-31, W. A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, being president. It enacted no legislation and suggested none. It returned to the Vanderbilt and North Carolina chapters their charters which had been in the hands of the trustees and it formally withdrew the charters of the chapters at Mississippi and Harvard. It rejected the petitions from the Universities of Tennessee and Illinois, but gave leave to the petitioners at the latter place to renew their application and it granted a charter to the Pi Theta society at the University of Washington.

The social features of this convention were prominent. All who attended had a pleasant time. There was perfect harmony, little difference



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of opinion concerning anything brought forward for discussion and much opportunity for manifestations of good fellowship.

Arrangements were made for the publication of a new edition of the song book and the final settlement of the catalogue debt.

The year 1901-02 was another one of steady prosperity and progress. No one of the chapters was in poor condition; all were either as good or better than before. No lack of harmony was found anywhere; no expulsions or suspensions took place; and not a single case of discipline arose during the year.

The chapter at the University of Washington was installed as Beta Omega, December 20, 1901. One of the chapters attempted to have the action of the convention in granting this charter annulled, under the provision of the constitution which makes it possible for one-half of the chapters to annul any action of the convention by filing notice with the General Secretary of their disapproval of such action within three months, but only four chapters, Stanford, Michigan, Virginia and Pennsylvania endorsed such action and the attempt failed.

At the reunion of the chapters of District VIII in November, 1901, a resolution was passed with the approval of every chapter in the district asking for a mail vote upon the application for a charter from the University of Illinois. This request was complied with and the result was that the charter was granted and the chapter established February 28, 1902, under the name of Sigma Rho.

During the year, the Cornell and Bowdoin chapters entered houses of their own which were described in the magazine. Many gatherings of the alumni took place, not only in the large cities but at Denver, Dayton, Bangor, Cedar Rapids and other places of similar size. At the New York dinner the Rutgers chapter initiated, under permission of the convention, seven of the group of former students at New York University who had petitioned for a charter at the White Sulphur Springs convention.

During the year new roll books were published, and a new song book, the latter under the editorship of Horace G. Lozier, Chicago, '94. It was a notable advance upon anything previously done by the fraternity and was received with great enthusiasm.

Several movements for chapters took place during the year at Lafayette, Purdue, Bucknell, Lake Forest, and the Universities of Arizona, Arkansas and Kentucky, but the only petition presented was from the institution last named.

The convention of 1902 was held at Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota, July 8-12, Junius E. Beal, Michigan, '82, being president. It was far away from the center of Beta population but the attendance of alumni was good and all chapters except three or four were represented. No legislation was enacted, no charters were granted, and practically only routine business was transacted. The Minnesota Betas entertained the visitors royally and the social features of the gathering were prominent.

The year 1902-03 saw no unusual development in the life of the fraternity. It made steady progress. The Michigan and Dartmouth chapters built houses. There was a splendid dinner given at the Waldorf-Astoria to the three Beta governors of Massachusetts, New York and Virginia, and reunions were held at Dayton, Hartford and Los Angeles, in addition to the usual ones in the large cities. No chapters were established during the year. Petitioning bodies developed at Cumberland University, the Colorado School of Mines and Purdue University. It was a year of internal improvement and growth.

The convention of 1903 met at Put-in-Bay Island, July 16-20, William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '81, being president. All of the chapters but two were represented. It was a harmonious and efficient assemblage. The matter of the ritual was settled and the new song book was presented and an enlivening and instructive address on the singing of fraternity songs was delivered by Horace G. Lozier, Chicago, '94, its editor. No legislation was enacted. A charter was granted to the petitioners at Purdue University. Some other locations for chapters were discussed intelligently, and one of the chapters was investigated by the appropriate committee.

The year 1903-04 was one of internal improvement. There were an unusual number of cases of discipline showing a higher standard of college conduct developing in the chapters. The Iowa, North Carolina, Rutgers and Maine chapters became the owners of houses.

The Purdue chapter was established September 16, 1903, and given the name Beta Mu. The Vanderbilt chapter was directly assisted by the

trustees to get upon its feet and its few members did heroic work in re-establishing it upon a firm basis. The trustees formulated a plan for the publication of a new edition of the catalogue. All of the chapters increased their strength and improved their standing.

During this year an unusual number of applications for chapters were made to the fraternity. Informal and incomplete applications were received from McGill University, University of the South, Tulane, Simpson College and the University of Nevada, and formal petitions from Alpha Mu Alpha of Kentucky University, Beta Phi of Colorado College, Beta Gamma of the University of South Dakota, the Crucible Club of the Colorado School of Mines, Delta Theta Upsilon of Bucknell University, Lambda Kappa of the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, the Phi society at Hobart and two local societies at the Iowa State College, the Gamma Alpha and the "Tri-Serps."

The convention of 1904 met at The Highlands Inn, Meramec Highlands, a suburb of St. Louis, July 19-22. Stanley E. Gunnison, St. Lawrence, '99, was chosen president. Its work was much encroached upon by the social attractions of the city and the desire to visit the World's Fair. The hotel had rather inadequate accommodations for such a large assembly and some of the sessions were held under conditions of physical discomfort.

No legislation was enacted by this convention except an amendment to the laws increasing the national dues one dollar per annum in order to provide a catalogue fund. No charters were granted but a dispensation was given to the Western Reserve chapter to initiate students at the Case School of Applied Science.

Every chapter was represented by a delegate for the first time in many years. The fact that the president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was David R. Francis, ex-governor of Missouri and a member of the Washington chapter, seemed to give every Beta a personal interest in the exposition. James L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96, was elected General Treasurer and Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95, trustee.



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CHAPTER VIII

INCREASING ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY

The year 1904-05 was marked by a general discussion throughout the fraternity of the desirability of withdrawing the charters of some of the chapters in small institutions, and of what came to be known as the "transfer problem" or the status in the chapter at the second institution, of a member who left one institution to go to another.

Early in the year a mail vote was taken upon the application for a charter made by the Lambda Kappa society of the Case School of Applied Science; the charter was granted by a vote of 52 to 7 and the chapter was established February 22, 1905, and given the name of Lambda Kappa. It brought into the fraternity most of the alumni of the local society from which it sprang.

The chapters during the year seemed to undergo a searching self-examination and many of them exhibited marked internal improvement. The avowed purpose of some of the chapters at larger institutions to secure the withdrawal of the charters of those at some of the smaller institutions quickened the latter into renewed and profitable activity.

The Missouri and Yale chapters secured houses and other chapters made gratifying progress toward the same end. No cases of discipline arose during the year.

The trustees made a contract with William R. Baird and James T. Brown to edit and publish a new edition of the fraternity catalogue and the work was commenced and pushed forward during the year.

As in preceding years, applications to the fraternity for charters were numerous, and insistent informal petitions came from Lake Forest University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the Universities of Oklahoma, Nevada and Utah, and formal applications from Kentucky University, the Colorado School of Mines, Iowa State College, the University of South Dakota and Bucknell University.

The convention of 1905 was held, July 11-15, at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York City. Willis O. Robb was its president. The New York Betas entertained the visitors so well at the sea shore and in the city that the delegates found it difficult to get time to do their work, but, nevertheless, they did it and did it well. The attendance was larger than that at any previous convention and exceeded 500. A charter was granted to the Tri-Serps Society, petitioners from Iowa State College, but other applications were denied. Francis H. Sisson was re-elected General Secretary and Stanley E. Gunnison, St. Lawrence, '99, was chosen Trustee.

The transfer problem was settled by an amendment to Section 22 of the Laws, providing that the chapter at an institution to which a member removed might elect him to membership in the chapter. The former law was that by the mere fact of his attendance at an institution where a chapter is located, a member at once became a member of the second chapter. The change permitted the chapter a choice in the matter and arose out of the conditions at some of the larger colleges where chapters were overwhelmed by the inflow of transfers.

The trustees made a report giving the result of an investigation into the condition of one of the chapters and recommended that it be put on probation. They asked authority to investigate the condition of some seven other chapters which was granted.

Membership in Theta Nu Epsilon and similar organizations was severely condemned.

The chapter at Iowa State College was installed November 25, 1905, under the direction of Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95, and was given the name of Tau Sigma.

In December, 1905, the seventh edition of the catalogue was issued. This was prepared, edited and printed in the unprecedentedly short time of thirteen months.

The Crucible Club of the Colorado School of Mines petitioned that its application for a charter be submitted to a small vote, and, this being done, it did not receive a sufficient number of affirmative votes.

During the year the chapters maintained their uniformly high standard. Many movements looking toward the acquisition of charters were undertaken, some of them at Lake Forest, Bucknell, Baker, Arkansas, Rose Polytechnic and the Universities of Toronto, Oklahoma, Utah and Nevada.

An investigation of a number of the chapters was undertaken by committees of the trustees and their condition, standing and prospects thoroughly inquired into. It was found that all were doing well and deserved the fraternity's support and encouragement, and that those which were not as strong as might be desired were as strong as their environment would permit.

The convention of 1906 met at Denver, July 23-28, William B. Doyle, Amherst, '90, being president. It was somewhat of an experiment to go so far from the center of Beta population but its success justified the trial. In order to secure it the Betas of Colorado guaranteed to pay the difference between the normal transportation expense and that incurred by the extra travel required. Having secured the convention, they carried out a unique program of entertainment which, in addition to the usual features, included an excursion trip up the Moffat Road to the summit of the Continental Divide and the land of perpetual snow. The convention granted a charter to the Theta Zeta society of the University of Toronto and rejected the other applications before it. It passed a stringent law forbidding membership in Theta Nu Epsilon and kindred organizations. It passed one resolution requesting chapters to confine their initiation ceremonies of all kinds to their own hall or house, and another seeking to restrict the badge to its proper purpose and discouraging its use as a merely decorative emblem. It also provided for the examination of initiates in the principal facts of the fraternity history. William A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, was chosen President of the fraternity and Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, trustee.

The year 1906-07 was another year of prosperity. The Theta Zeta chapter at the University of Toronto was installed November 9, 1906, at Buffalo, New York. The Syracuse, Dickinson and Ohio State chapters purchased or built fine chapter houses, the Ohio State house being the first one built at the University. Many banquets and reunions were held and one especially large dinner at the Hotel Astor in New York. The New York City alumni organized a club and secured a fine club house at No. 46 East Twenty-fifth Street, thus consummating a long expressed desire of the Betas in that locality.

The convention of 1907 met at the Cataract Hotel, Niagara Falls, New York, on July 23, Warren D. Oakes being elected president. The largest number of members in the history of the fraternity was reported, the 1,400 active members making about one-tenth of the total roll of 14,341. The General Treasurer announced a cash balance of \$5,349.69, with all accounts paid.

The Board of Trustees reported that petitions had been received from groups at Colorado School of Mines, Hobart, Nevada, Oklahoma, Utah, Worcester Polytechnic, but no convention action was taken except in two cases, the petition of the Crucible Club at Colorado Mines being again denied and that of the Gamma Phi society at the University of Oklahoma being granted. Because of the increasing duties of the long-established convention committee "on chapters and charters," it was determined to create two committees, one to consider applications for charters, the other to study more carefully than ever the condition of the chapters. A new edition of the song book was ordered, Horace G. Lozier of the Chicago chapter being placed in charge. The publication of a handbook of the fraternity was authorized, William Raimond Baird being asked to enlarge and bring down to date his "Fraternity Studies." After a notable service of eight years as General Secretary, Francis H. Sisson asked to be relieved from the duties of the office, and Francis W. Shepardson of the Denison chapter was chosen to fill out the unexpired term, Brother Sisson remaining upon the board as trustee. Robert M. Thompson was re-elected trustee.

The Oklahoma chapter was installed on October 18, 1907, by E. R. Adams of the Kansas chapter and was assigned the name Gamma Phi, that having been the designation of the petitioning local society.

The year was marked by the number of large gatherings of members at the banquet table, either under the auspices of alumni associations or at the time of district reunions. More than 200 were present at dinners in Chicago and New York. At Columbus 175, at Denver 106, at Indianapolis 104, at Boston and Washington 100 each, at Minneapolis 90, at Lafayette, Indiana, 80, at St. Louis 70, and in many other places in smaller numbers Betas met in fraternal feast. At each of these meetings the alumni turned out in force, the singing was lively, and the zeal for the fraternity, on the part of graduate and undergraduate alike, was notable.

The chapters at Brown and Ohio Wesleyan purchased houses during the year.

On August 5, 1907, Rev. John Hogarth Lozier, widely known in the fraternity as the "high priest of Wooglin," died. For over half a century he had maintained his interest, his contributions to Beta Theta Pi including a number of songs of exceptional merit in addition to the legend of Wooglin and the "dorg." John Coburn, founder of the Wabash chapter and a leading citizen of Indiana, died on January 28, 1908, and, on February 1, 1908, the fraternity was called to mourn one of its most distinguished workers, Major Wyllys C. Ransom. From the time of his initiation he had been conspicuous in the annals of Beta Theta Pi, shaping its badge, formulating its ritual, expressing its ideals and legislation in constitution and laws, alert in its interests, active in its outer expansion and its inner development, a firm friend, an inspirer of youth.

The sixty-ninth general convention met in the Cataract Hotel at Niagara Falls, New York, on August 4, 1908, Willis O. Robb being chosen president.

The keeper of the rolls reported that the fraternity had 15,698 members. The General Treasurer's balance on hand was \$5,780.00. Petitions for charters were received from Colorado Mines, South Dakota, Tulane and Utah. The Crucible Club, of the first named institution, finally was successful after its several rebuffs as was the Tulane local society, but the South Dakota and Utah petitions were rejected by large votes. Encouragement was voted to an organization at Oregon. The provision for an orator and a poet at the conventions was abandoned, after several years of growing feeling that this feature was no longer important to the success of the annual gathering. A law was enacted requiring that alumni of local societies granted charters by the fraternity should pay one year's annual dues on their admittance to membership in Beta Theta Pi. A plan which the trustees had been considering for some months whereby a chapter house might be erected



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at Miami as a memorial to the founders of the fraternity by means of a small additional individual annual fee from members was not approved by the convention.

The Colorado School of Mines chapter was formally instituted by General Secretary Shepardson on September 17, 1908, a notable gathering of members attending the ceremonies held in Denver. The name Beta Phi was assigned to the former Crucible Club in connection with a definite plan to return in the nomenclature of chapters to a regular system after some years of special designation.

The Tulane chapter was installed, in New Orleans, Louisiana, on November 27, 1908, by District Chief Gurdon G. Black, the name Beta Xi being given to the former Alpha Delta Chi local organization.

During the year the Vanderbilt and Wittenberg chapters purchased houses, bringing up to twenty-nine the number owned in the fraternity.

A great dinner in New York City, at which 400 were present, and another at Chicago where 232 met, were the largest of the gatherings of the year which attracted more than a tenth of the entire membership of the fraternity. At San Francisco and Cleveland, each, more than 100 attended and dinners at Boston, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Toronto swelled the total. Much enthusiasm marked other district reunions at Crawfordsville, Hoboken and Oxford. The annual honor banquet at St. Louis was more notable because of the presence of Justice Willis VanDevanter of the United States Supreme Court, who reaffirmed his faith in the principles and ideals of Beta Theta Pi.

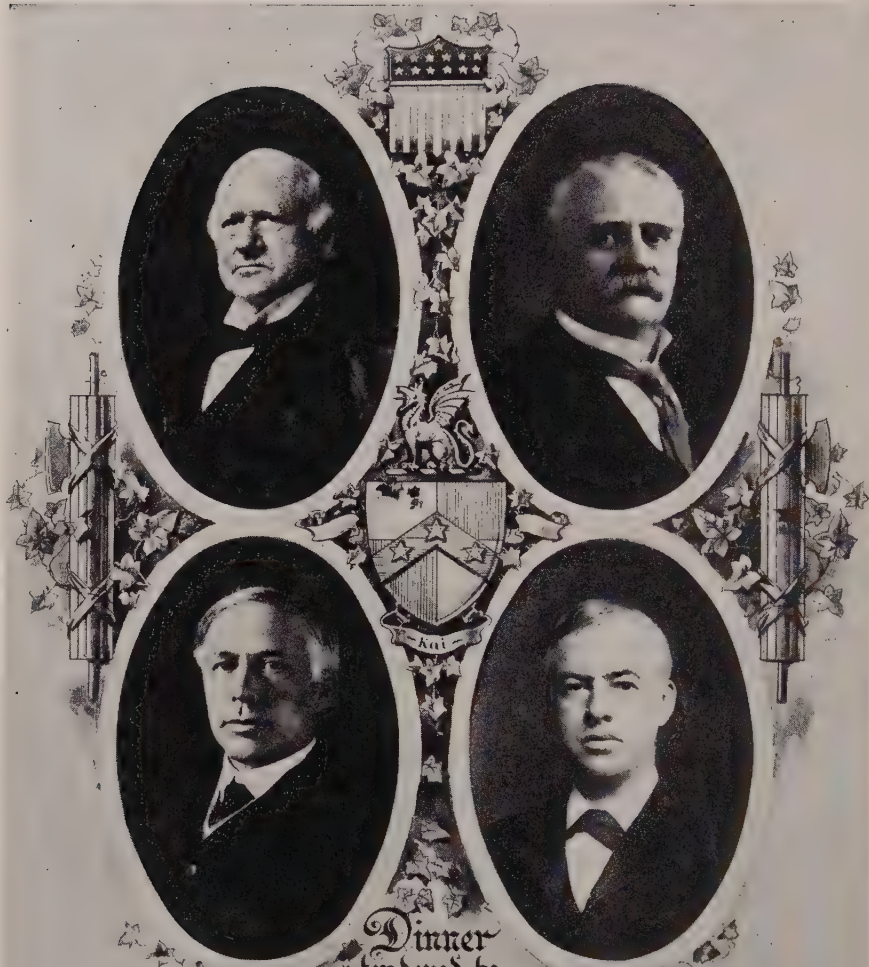
Death claimed Dr. Thaddeus Reamy, Ohio Wesleyan, '70, and Augustus D. Lynch, De Pauw, '57, former members of the board of directors.

On June 19, 1909, the new Beloit chapter house was dedicated, and, during the year, the young Oklahoma chapter showed its zeal by building a home.

The seventieth general convention met on August 3, 1909, in Hotel Victory, Put-in-Bay Island, Ohio, Edwin R. Perry, Northwestern, '00, being chosen president. The keeper of the rolls reported a total membership of 16,395. General Treasurer Gavin announced the largest cash balance in the history of Beta Theta Pi, \$8,733.57, with all dues collected and all bills paid. A new standard badge, designed by George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, was adopted. A request of the Michigan chapter that its individual coat-of-arms be approved was granted, this being the first step in the movement, directed by Brother Chandler, whereby each chapter of the fraternity adopted arms. Using the coat-of-arms of the fraternity as a basis, through quartering interesting modifications were worked out, each chapter placing upon its ribbon a motto of one or two words beginning with the Greek letter or letters of its name. The convention gave its approval to the proposal of a national interfraternity conference to be held in New York City on November 27, 1909, and designated Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, and Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, as representatives of Beta Theta Pi at such meeting. Steps were taken to stimulate attention to the financial records and methods of the chapters. Petitions from South Dakota and Utah were rejected, but that of the Delta Alpha local society at the University of Oregon was granted by the favoring vote of all chapters except Virginia.

The college year 1909-10 was a quiet one in the fraternity. The district reunions were largely attended, 200 being present at the Columbus joint reunion banquet of the two Ohio districts. The districts gave much consideration to ways and means of improving the rushing methods of the chapters. Chicago alumni to the number of 221 met on February 19, 1910, and there were successful dinners at Minneapolis, Seattle and St. Louis. At a student volunteers' conference held in Rochester, New York, it was found that forty-three Betas were among the delegates, twenty-four of them enjoying a reunion dinner together.

The Oregon chapter, given the name Beta Rho, was formally instituted at Eugene, Oregon, on December 4, 1909, under the direction of the University of Washington chapter, with the active assistance of Newman L. Fitzhenry, Chicago, '05, who had guided the local Delta Alpha society toward Beta Theta Pi.



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The Texas chapter took its place among the home owners in the fraternity.

The seventy-first general convention was held in the United States Hotel, Saratoga Springs, New York, beginning on July 8, 1910. Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, was chosen president. No petitions for charters were received. Formal legislation was enacted, authorizing chapter coats-of-arms, and providing for a new edition of the catalogue. General Treasurer Gavin again reported the largest balance in the history of the fraternity, \$11,769.96. The total membership was placed at 17,028. Roger Wolcott, Yale, '05, was chosen trustee in place of Stanley E. Gunnison, St. Lawrence, '99, resigned. For the regular term of three years, Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, was elected.

During the year 1910-11, the plan for chapter heraldry was advanced. The Bethany, Columbia, Knox, Purdue and Tulane chapters entered new homes and the Wabash chapter secured title to the house it occupied. On May 1, 1911, the New York Beta Club moved into more commodious quarters at No. 1, Gramercy Park. In a fire in January, 1911, the Missouri chapter lost its house.

The social event of the year was the Justices' Dinner in New York City on February 9, 1911. More than 400 members of the fraternity joined in paying honor to the four Betas out of the nine members of the Supreme Court of the United States, Justices Harlan, Lamar, Lurton and VanDevanter. A Chicago alumni dinner brought 242 together and 135 met at Denver. In Honolulu, seven members were entertained by President Griffiths of the local university, this company including several of the leading citizens of the territory.

The Cornell chapter solved a perplexing problem which had confronted it for many years by passing a non-affiliation rule, thus preserving its autonomy, and, for the future, avoiding those discriminations which, both at Ithaca and elsewhere, had been the occasion for heart burnings, when some members of other chapter were invited to affiliate while others were not.

The seventy-second general convention was held at the Clifton House, Niagara Falls, Ontario, beginning July 4, 1911, Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, being chosen president. The total membership of the fraternity was reported to be 17,649. The treasury's cash balance, with all accounts collected and all bills paid, was \$12,146.14. The convention instructed the trustees to make a contract with a single official jeweler. Knox chapter was given its original name of Xi, instead of Alpha Xi which had been its designation since its revival. A petition from the Kappa Theta local society of Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a charter was denied.

During the following college year the Chicago, Pennsylvania and Western Reserve chapters occupied new houses.

The Zeta chapter at Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia, announced its intention to surrender its charter, its leading alumni members, after long consideration, recommending such action. Founded August 24, 1850, as the seventeenth chapter, it had had a notable career, admitting to the fraternity many who attained distinction. The steady lowering of attendance of students had made it increasingly difficult to secure the desired type of members and the decision was reached within the chapter to give up its place on the active roll of Beta Theta Pi. The action was made effective during the next college year.

In recognition of the contribution to the fraternity made by him in "Gamma Nostra" and the "Beta Doxology," a specially bound and specially decorated copy of the Beta Theta Pi song book was presented to Joseph S. Tunison, Denison, '73.

The gatherings of alumni were not so numerous as usual or so largely attended. There were notable banquets at Boston, Chicago, Cleveland and Denver where over 100 were present. The district reunions were enthusiastic, 150 attending the one in Ohio where Districts VII and VIII joined in the banquet.

The Iowa State College chapter entered its new house.

The general convention of 1912, designated the seventy-third, was held at the Hotel Cadillac, Detroit, Michigan, opening its session on September 3. William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, was selected as president. General Treasurer Gavin reported a cash balance of \$8,196.37, along with his customary statement that all accounts had been collected and all bills had been paid. The total membership was reported to be 18,281. A petition from the Beta Gamma society of the University of South Dakota was at last granted by the unanimous vote of the chapters represented. The Kappa Theta society of Massachusetts Institute of Technology again met disappointment. George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, was elected trustee. The honor was one richly deserved by him in view of distinct contributions to Beta Theta Pi, particularly in the lines of insignia and heraldry. It was further noteworthy, because of the previous service on the executive board by his father, Edward Bruce Chandler, Michigan, '58. It was the first case of father-son official recognition by the fraternity.

The South Dakota chapter, assigned the name Gamma Alpha, was formally instituted by General Secretary Shepardson on October 5, 1912. A pleasing feature of the attendant ceremonial was a service on the following Sunday morning, in a local church of which the Reverend J. C. Cromer, Wittenberg, '82, was pastor. The large company of Betas, new and old, occupied the entire center section of the church. One of the initiates, who possessed an exceptional voice, sang a solo, and the Beta pastor preached a fitting sermon on the meaning and worth of friendship.

The Illinois chapter dedicated its new house at the time of the annual homecoming. Missouri chapter entered the new home built to replace the one destroyed by fire, and the Ohio and Virginia chapters purchased new houses. The largest dinner of the year was at Indianapolis, in connection with the reunion of the chapters of the State, 143 being present.

During the year a special committee of the board, consisting of W. A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, and George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, made a careful survey and study of all institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada in which Beta Theta Pi had no chapter, with a view to provide information for the charting of the course of the fraternity in its expansion program for the next half-century. A tabulation of institutions was included, forecasting charter grants by decades. Some colleges from which petitions had been received in former years were definitely placed outside the lines of the fraternity's interest, while, on the other hand, certain centers of population were noted as likely to demand recognition in years ahead, although they had no colleges of importance at the time of the report. The survey had great influence in shaping the policy of Beta Theta Pi regarding

expansion. Its recommendations pointed the way toward the plan adopted some years later of having the fraternity select institutions it desired to enter rather than to receive petitions indiscriminately from groups of individuals seeking its privileges and benefits. It was the first of three surveys made in the course of a dozen years. It was received with close attention by the general convention of 1913, meeting at the Atlantic House, Nantasket Beach, Massachusetts, on September 2, with John R. Simpson, Miami, '99, as its chosen president.

General Treasurer James L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96, again reported a perfect financial condition, with all obligations squared and a cash balance of \$12,138.90. James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, Keeper of the Rolls, returned 18,982 as the total membership. Authority was given General Secretary Shepardson to prepare and publish a series of historical papers as "Beta Leaflets." At his own request the General Treasurer was authorized to employ a certified public accountant to audit the books of his office. In order to re-establish in the fraternity the title of recorder, used in its earlier years, the laws were amended by making the recording secretary of a chapter its recorder and the corresponding secretary its secretary. A petition for a charter received from the Tau Omega Sigma local society of Kansas State College was rejected. The persistence of the Kappa Theta local society of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Alpha Pi society of the University of Utah was at last rewarded, each petition receiving the constitutional favorable majority.

The new chapter at Boston, named Beta Upsilon, was formally instituted at "Tech" on September 27, 1913, by Trustee Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, whose faithful attention to the interests of the fraternity in his section of the country had won for him the affectionate soubriquet, "The Bishop of New England." Gamma Beta, as the new Utah chapter was designated, was formally welcomed into the fraternity at Salt Lake City on October 24 and 25, 1913, by Trustee George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98.

On November 22 and 23, 1913, at Galesburg, Illinois, the Knox chapter celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its revival. There were fifty-eight present at the banquet, over which George Fitch, '97, presided as toastmaster, and fifty at the Thanksgiving dinner in the chapter house the next day. At Denver, on December 13, 1913, sixty members met for a similar quarter-century anniversary of the founding of Alpha Zeta in Denver University.

General James A. Beaver, Washington and Jefferson, '56, long a prominent figure in the fraternity, father of Beta sons, died on January 31, 1914, and on July 14, Horace H. Lurton, Cumberland, '67, an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The death in New York City on February 28, 1914, of Ulysses T. Curran, Miami, '56, recalled his special contribution to the fraternity of the legend of the frontispiece, sometimes called the legend of the Beta temple.

The number of home-owning chapters was notably increased, the University of Colorado, De Pauw, Northwestern, Rutgers and Wesleyan chapters entering new houses. That at Northwestern was part of a widely advertised plan adopted by the university, by which, in separate quadrangles on the north campus at Evanston, Illinois, fraternity houses and dormitories alternated. This project for bringing men students into closer relationships

to promote a democratic student life and foster college spirit, was heartily supported by Rho chapter, whose splendid new house occupied a strategic location in one of the groups. The Wesleyan house was named the "Raymond Duy Baird Memorial," in appreciation of the large gift toward its construction made by Mr. and Mrs. William Raimond Baird and members of their family, in memory of an only son, a Wesleyan Beta.

The district reunions brought many undergraduates into closer relationship in different parts of the country. The notable alumni dinners of the year were at Chicago, Columbus and St. Louis, the three attracting 450 members of the fraternity.

During the year an exceptional opportunity presented itself to regain the foothold at Williams College lost in the last fifties by the treachery of



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deserters to Alpha Delta Phi. It appealed to the board of trustees as one of the emergency cases for which the constitution of the fraternity authorized a mail vote on a charter grant. Such a vote resulted in a constitutional majority favorable to the admission of the petitioners of the Psi Omega local society at Williamstown, Massachusetts. The new chapter was formally instituted on May 15, 1914, by Trustee Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02. It was given the name Zeta, recently surrendered by the Hampden-Sydney chapter, and by local interfraternity decision it was given date and position in the college annual as the original Williams chapter of 1847.

The general convention of 1914 was held in the historic Planters Hotel at St. Louis, Missouri, beginning on September 1. Roger H. Wolcott, Yale, '05, was its president. Proper recognition of the completion by the fraternity of seventy-five years of life was made through a notable paper by William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, which was read to the convention

by General Secretary Shepardson in Mr. Baird's absence owing to illness. It was entitled, "Beta Theta Pi: The Achievements of Seventy-five Years." Looking forward to the future, Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95, addressed the convention on the lack of financial system in the fraternity and the need of plans for an endowment fund. The committee on finance and corporation was asked to consider the advisability of the annual assignment of \$1,000 of the fraternity's cash balance to a permanent endowment fund. A uniform system of chapter accounting was adopted. The trustees reported a contract with the Charles H. Elliott Company of Philadelphia for a standard shingle on the same general plan as that of the contract with the official jeweler, the D. L. Auld Company of Columbus, for the standard badge. Petitions for charters from local societies were presented, from Delta Phi Theta of Colorado College, from Alpha Pi Alpha of Georgia School of Technology, from Theta Mu Epsilon of the University of Idaho, from Tau Omega Sigma of Kansas State College, and from the Mystic Circle of the University of Kentucky. No action was taken by the convention on the Georgia and Kentucky petitions. Charters were granted to the Colorado, Idaho and Kansas groups. By practically a unanimous vote the charter of the Boston University chapter was placed in the hands of the board of trustees, the Minnesota chapter alone opposing the action. The report of the committee on miscellaneous affairs contained a resolution which was adopted with much enthusiasm, providing that the name of the fraternity be officially declared to be Beta Theta Pi, although the committee stated that such pronunciation really combined parts of the two technically correct forms, Beta Theta Pe and Beta Theta Pi. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, was re-elected General Secretary and District Chief William L. Graves, Ohio State, '95, was promoted to be Trustee. The total membership at the close of the college year of 1914 was 19,924. General Treasurer Gavin reported the cash balance to be \$15,793.15, the largest in the history of the fraternity. He also praised the loyalty and generosity of the Betas of the Pacific Coast, who had pledged a large contribution toward the extraordinary expenses of the convention of 1915, which he announced would meet at Oakland, California, in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

The Gamma Gamma chapter at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, was formally instituted by General Secretary Shepardson on September 18 and 19, 1914, and the same official welcomed Gamma Delta at Colorado College at Colorado Springs on September 26, 1914. On October 17, 1914, he instituted Gamma Epsilon at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. In each instance there was an enthusiastic banquet as a climax of a dignified program of installation.

The literature of the fraternity was greatly enriched by the publication, in 1914, by William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, of "Betas of Achievement." This illustrated volume of 372 pages was authorized by the convention of 1913. It was suggested by an examination of the biographical sketches in "Who's Who in America," the 1912 edition of which contained the names of more than 400 members of Beta Theta Pi. The volume which was the most remarkable thing of its kind yet published by a college fraternity, contained a compact historical sketch and a summary chapter classifying leaders in the most important fields of distinction; but 350 of its pages were devoted to brief biographies of 1,459 Betas of achievement,

494 of them being of deceased members and 626 of the names of the living being found, also, in the current volume of "Who's Who in America."

Sidney C. Howard, California, '15, in an article in *Beta Theta Pi*, sounded a warning note in connection with a danger which was causing a good deal of anxiety among fraternity leaders, namely, the steadily increasing size of chapters in a chapter house construction era, and the consequent fear, lest the emphasis long placed in Beta Theta Pi upon strong bonds of friendship might be lessened.

The new home of the Amherst chapter was dedicated during commencement week, on June 29, 1915. The Cornell chapter occupied its splendid house "far above Cayuga's waters," and the Toronto chapter also joined the ranks of the home-owners. The Ohio Wesleyan chapter sold its house and bought a stately brick edifice a few blocks from the old site. The Yale chapter inaugurated "open-house" features in connection with its new home, thus beginning a movement which was to lead to a notable change in the "tomb" policy of Yale Junior societies.

A death of 1915 was that of David H. Moore, Ohio, '60, a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, in his college days, a noted Beta builder. The most familiar of the five enduring songs he contributed to the fraternity's hymnology is the one beginning, "Let's all stand together a band of true men." He was proud of the membership of three of his sons in Beta Theta Pi.

Many banquets of alumni were held during the year, those at Boston, with 150 present, and at Denver, with 141, being the largest gatherings.

The great feature of the year was the special train on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad which carried 117 delegates and visitors to the convention on a journey across the continent of 3,127 miles to Oakland, California. In addition to the necessary sleeping cars the train carried a club smoker, an observation-library car and two diners, a representative of the Santa Fe attending all the way and officials at stopping points co-operating to make the trip successful in every way. At Kansas City there was a three-hour stop to enjoy a delightful automobile ride provided by the alumni of that city, who, with their ladies, enthusiastically welcomed the visitors and showered them with generous courtesies. At Colorado Springs the Betas of Colorado were the hosts. Excursions had been planned for Pike's Peak, Cripple Creek, the Garden of the Gods, or to other interesting points as desired. The cog road up the mountain never carried a more joyous company than that which filled its cars on Beta day. Up on top of Manitou there was an old-fashioned barbecue. Albuquerque interested everyone, as did the nearby pueblo of Isleta where the train halted for a short stop. A cloudburst near Gallup, New Mexico, tied up all transportation for a time, but eventually El Tovar was reached and the wonders of the Grand Canyon burst upon astonished eyes. Down the Cajon Pass to San Bernardino and Redlands the train carried the travelers from desert to orange groves. At the latter place the convention vocalists sang "Three Hungry Greeks" to its author, Rev. Ralph P. Smith, Denison, '88, who was one of the California alumni to greet the newcomers to the Golden State. At Riverside there was dinner at the famous Mission Inn. San Diego and its neighboring Tiajuana were new experiences to most of the visitors from the East. At Los Angeles the local alumni outdid themselves in hospitality, a long to be remembered feast under two giant pepper trees

on the Beverly Hills estate of the parents of Edward L. Doheny, Jr., Stanford, '15, ending a notable day of sightseeing. And so the road led at last to Oakland Pier and the convention of 1915.

The convention opened at the Oakland Hotel, Oakland, California, on August 31. The California committee was requested to nominate a president. They presented Charles H. Bentley, California, '81, as their choice and he was elected. Unhappily pressing business kept him away from every session, so that the first vice-president, William Raimond Baird, acted as president throughout the convention. A charter was granted to petitioners from the Delta Phi Theta local society of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington. The convention listened to pleas in behalf of the Beta Phi Sigma local society of Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, whose repre-



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A Side View Showing Dining Hall Addition

sentatives had shared the experiences of the special train from Chicago, and of the Sigma Alpha local society of the University of Nevada. It inclined to grant the petition of Alpha Pi Alpha of the Georgia School of Technology; received the charter of the Boston University chapter which had been surrendered; continued the Wooster charter in the hands of the trustees for another year; withdrew the charter of the Iowa Wesleyan chapter because of discontent with the institution; and gave to two other chapters a definite warning. It listened to a carefully prepared report from the Virginia chapter on expansion in the Southern states and directed the trustees to continue their study of that part of the country. General Treasurer Gavin made his usual report of sound financial condition, stating that the cash balance, \$18,828.52, was the largest in the history of the fraternity. He praised the loyal and royal Coast Betas for their fraternity zeal which had inspired them to contribute \$3,500 toward the extraordinary expense of the convention,

and called special attention to the work accomplished by the efficient committee, headed by Walter E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan, '77. The record of the convention properly includes mention of a beautiful cup given chairman Dennison by his committee mates, as a convention souvenir. Statistics of enrollment showed a total membership of 20,842. Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, and George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, were re-elected for three year terms respectively, as president and trustee.

Aside from the interest taken by the delegates in the Panama-Pacific Exposition across the bay in San Francisco, there were several special features of the convention. One was a model presentation of the ritual under the general direction of Trustee Chandler. Novitiates from the California and Stanford chapters were initiated in the presence of 400 members. All fixtures used were of correct design and proportion. All participants wore gowns of the type which had been approved by the trustees for chapter use. After the ceremony the fixtures were presented to the California chapter by convention vote.

Another appealing feature was the presentation to William Raimond Baird of a beautiful cup on graceful lines, bearing on one side the fraternity name and coat of arms and Brother Baird's name, and, on the other, the inscription, artistically arranged, "A Beta of Achievement, Fraternity Editor, Fraternity Historian, Fraternity Biographer, Friend, Counselor, Brother." It was a gift from the fraternity in sincere appreciation of the service of a great leader.

The convention expressed its hearty approval of the work of the national interfraternity conference and illustrated its interest by a cordial invitation to George Banta, a Phi Delta Theta leader, to address it, by the close attention paid him as he recalled the common heritage of the two fraternities, and by interchange of felicitations with other fraternities in convention session near by, Acacia, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Sigma Phi, Phi Gamma Delta and Psi Upsilon.

The college year 1915-1916, following this progressive, forward-looking convention, was one of quiet and earnest work for the fraternity. The Indiana, Kansas State, Nebraska and Westminster chapters bought homes, and at Oklahoma and Yale new houses were pushed to completion.

A number of the districts held reunions. That of District XV at Denver on March 17 and 18, 1916, was marked by the presentation of a loving cup to the veteran Harry E. Insley, De Pauw, '83. On March 30, 1916, the chapters of District XVI met at Walla Walla, Washington, in connection with the installation of Gamma Zeta at Whitman College on March 29 by General Secretary Shepardson. The joint reunion of the two Ohio districts on May 5, 1916, at the Ohio State chapter house brought out 150 delegates and visitors.

The deaths of 1916 included those of three special contributors to the fraternity. On January 2 a former General Secretary, Joseph R. Lamar, Washington-Lee, '77, died in Washington, thus closing an honorable career as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. On April 21, Joseph S. Tunison, Denison, '73, author of *Gemma Nostra* and the Beta Doxology, died; and, on July 20, he was followed by his chapter-mate, Charles J. Seaman, Denison, '71, editor of the song book of 1872 and of the catalogue of 1881.

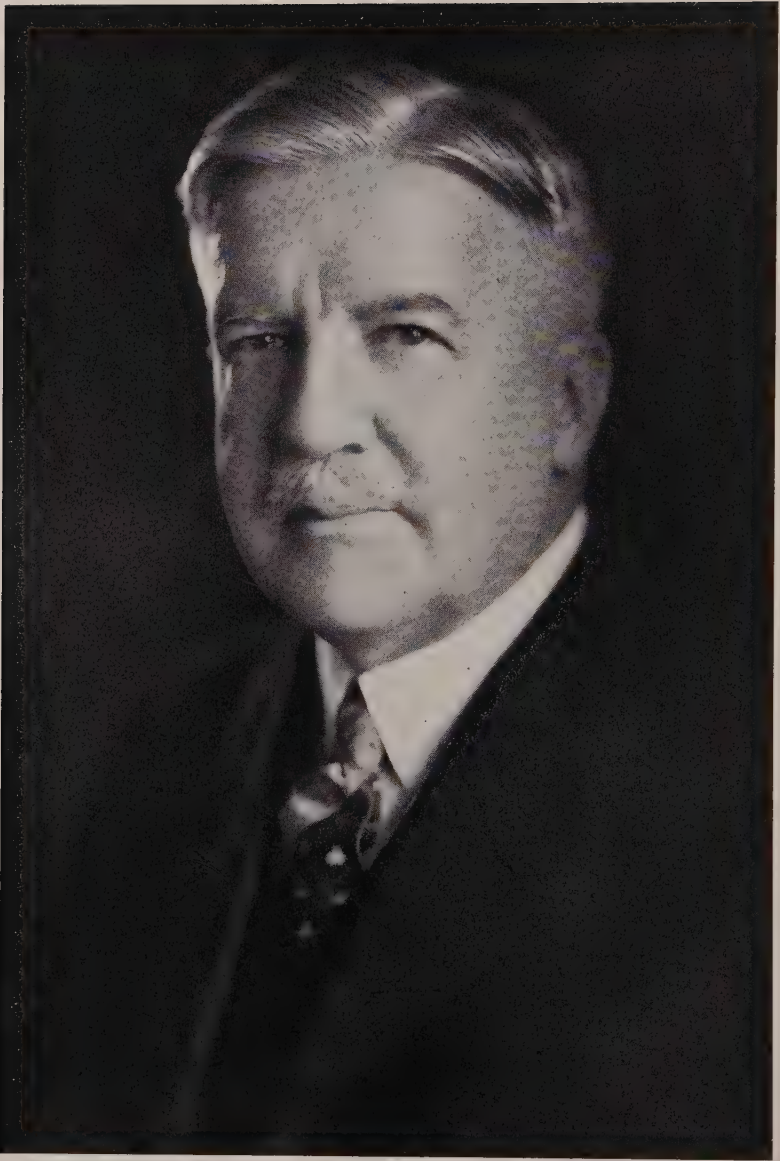
The fraternity again was placed under great obligation to William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, by the publication of "Forty Years of Fraternity

Legislation." It was a volume of 388 pages, containing the minutes of conventions from the beginning of the fraternity up to and including the Indianapolis meeting of 1878, which laid broad foundations for the epoch-marking convention of 1879. These records, some of which had never been published, were collected from many sources and carefully collated. Explanatory notes were added on occasion. The literature of the fraternity was notably enriched by this volume of original material which unfolded the developing history of Beta Theta Pi in a remarkable way.

During the year the board of trustees gave careful consideration to a number of important matters connected with the forward movement of the fraternity. A revised edition of the code was authorized. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, and James L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96, were appointed a committee to prepare and print a new edition of the ritual. A special investigation of the Bethany chapter being made the board voted satisfaction with the situation there. A proposition to hold regional conferences of the district chiefs led to a decision to encourage the several chiefs to attend a meeting one day in advance of the general convention each year for exchange of ideas and consideration of common problems. General Secretary Shepardson outlined a plan for forming a Beta Legion, to consist of not less than a thousand members, no one to be admitted except through personal pledge to be ready to answer any call from the fraternity for immediate service. Trustees Clarence L. Newton and George M. Chandler made important suggestions along the same lines, the result being the abandonment of the inner circle idea, as contrary to the democratic principles of the fraternity, and the subsequent adoption of a plan for alumni co-operation in chapter matters, this elaboration being largely the work of Trustee Newton. The board authorized James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, to prepare and publish for banquet use a song book containing the words only of the most used songs.



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FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON, *Denison* '82
Trustee 1906-1907; General Secretary 1907-1917; Editor 1917—; President 1918—

CHAPTER IX

THE SHADOW OF WORLD WAR

The convention met in the United States Hotel, Saratoga Springs, New York, on September 5, 1916, all chapters being represented except De Pauw. William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, was chosen president. The presence of war was recognized by greetings from the fraternity sent to Canadian Betas in the army and to United States Betas in service on the Mexican border. General Treasurer Gavin reported the largest cash balance in the history of Beta Theta Pi, \$19,819.50, with all accounts settled. Keeper of the Rolls Brown announced the total membership to be 21,630. James L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96, was re-elected General Treasurer, and Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, Trustee. A charter was granted to petitioners from the Alpha Pi Alpha local society of the Georgia School of Technology. Groups from Carnegie Institute of Technology and Trinity University, North Carolina, were refused charters. Anti-expansion feeling found expression in a resolution that not more than one petition a year should be presented to a convention, the board of trustees making the selection of the one to be submitted for consideration. The publication of a new catalogue was ordered. General Secretary Shepardson made a strong plea for steps toward a permanent endowment fund. Convention President Baird offered to be one of ten persons to give \$1,000 each to start such a fund, his offer being promptly followed by Stratford L. Morton, Washington, '10, with a pledge of \$1,000 toward the ten. The notable report of the convention was one from the committee on chapters, headed by Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98. It revealed, among other things of great interest and significance, that nineteen of the chapters occupied first place in scholarship in their respective institutions and that twenty-two others ranged not lower than fourth; that fifty-three pledges were not initiated owing to poor scholastic standing; that every chapter required of its pledges an examination in the history of the fraternity; that over \$15,000 was owed chapters by alumni members, for room, board and dues. It gave information on drinking and gambling in chapter houses, and on the progress made toward abolishing or modifying the "rough initiation." It recommended that no delegate to a convention who neglected his responsibility and obligation of faithful attendance at sessions be paid his traveling expenses. While the report was incomplete because some chapters did not supply the needed information, it made a deep impression and pointed the way for similar committees of conventions for several years ahead.

The suggestion that a meeting of district chiefs be held a day in advance of the convention was followed out. There was a large attendance and a spirit of deep devotion to the interests of Beta Theta Pi. The influence of the meeting was felt throughout the convention and the results were so valuable that, with the hearty accord of all, a meeting of the same character was made a permanent part of the convention programme. The range of discussion was wide, covering scholarship, finance, house management, college activities, chapter discipline, chapter meetings, initiations, the programme for

a district reunion, the best form of questionnaire to secure information for the use of convention committees, the postponement of initiation of pledges until after test of scholastic ability, the roughhouse initiation and the possibility of a standardized form of chapter meetings. Many of the suggestions made at the meeting led to the notable advances of the fraternity during the years immediately following.

A special feature of the convention was the presentation to the fraternity by Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, of an attractive silver cup modeled on unusually graceful lines by Tiffany, to be awarded annually to that one of the chapters deemed to have best illustrated during the year the principles and the ideals of Beta Theta Pi, the determination of the winner to be made by the trustees and district chiefs in conference. No definite percentages for achievement in any particular field of endeavor were fixed for the first award, the experimental character of the plan being recognized. The cup bore the inscription, "Presented by Francis H. Sisson, president Beta Theta Pi, for Chapter Efficiency."

The convention received through George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, the second report on expansion, prepared by the same committee which presented a similar report of survey to the convention of 1913 at Nantasket Beach. It was followed with close attention as the right paths of expansion were indicated, with reasons why certain institutions should be favored and others should not. Trustee Chandler also had charge of the model initiation ceremony which was as favorably received as the one at Oakland, California, the year before.

As part of his annual report General Secretary Shepardson presented the following outline of what in his judgment a good chapter of Beta Theta Pi should be and should do.

A good chapter of Beta Theta Pi:

- 1—Recognizes that it is not a local organization, but a branch of a long established national fraternity having definite aims and purposes; and that its own charter was granted primarily to give added strength to the parent body.
- 2—Recognizes that the aims and purposes of The Fraternity have precedence over any purely local customs or desires, and that loyalty to The Fraternity is the first prerequisite to enduring Chapter development and success.
- 3—Strives through its individual members to exalt those aims and to fulfill those purposes, magnifying constantly the importance of individual accomplishment as a necessary accompaniment to group achievement.
- 4—Cherishes the sentiment of The Fraternity through its songs and through faithful adherence to its ritual interpreted with dignity on occasion of initiation.
- 5—Seeks to encourage its members in every way in unity of spirit and endeavor, tries to elevate standards of scholarship, aims to develop strong ties of human friendship among its members, manifests loyalty to the institution in which it is located, and gives hearty support to the faculty in measures which look toward the improvement of individual character.
- 6—Tries through its local administration to respond promptly and efficiently to the demands made upon it by the officials of The Fraternity, insisting upon efficiency in such administration.
- 7—Bars intoxicating liquor and gambling from its Chapter house and does not tolerate, on the part of its individual members, open violation of the laws of The Fraternity or plain transgressions of the spirit of Beta Theta Pi.
- 8—Keeps its Chapter house and grounds in good condition, regulates life in the house by such sensible laws as to make it as nearly as possible a real college home, and trains its members to respect the rights of one another as well as the obligations toward neighbors in a college community.
- 9—Pays its debts promptly and trains its members to regular and systematic habits in personal financial matters as a fundamental factor in Chapter prosperity.

- 10—Joins in every movement for better relationships among fraternity men in its institution, championing the local inter-fraternity conference as a desirable help toward comity and wider college friendship, always putting the larger interests of the institution ahead of the narrow and selfish demands of temporary Chapter advantage.
- 11—Remembers that it is an institution designed to exist for many years and whose future success will be largely due to the reputation and character it sustains at any one time.
- 12—Teaches its individual members to understand that each has distinct responsibility and that each must maintain his character as one of its worthy members.

One of the dramatic features of the convention was the enthusiastic reception of the Toronto delegate, Earle B. Lowndes, who told of the situation in the chapter and of the brothers who had answered the call of their country for service. General Treasurer Gavin had reported that \$3,029 had been collected from members of the fraternity to aid the Toronto chapter as the result of a special appeal phrased and sent out by General Secretary Shepardson after a test of sentiment made at an alumni meeting in Chicago. A crisis had arisen at Toronto by reason of enlistments of active members and alumni. It was estimated that over \$2,500 would be needed to keep the chapter house open and provide for chapter expenses. The appeal said:

1. Shall Beta Theta Pi prove its great strength as a fraternity now with a splendid illustration of the possibilities of mutual assistance?

2. Shall Beta Theta Pi keep open its chapter house at Toronto, when some of its strongest rivals have closed theirs?

3. Shall the equity in the Toronto chapter house be saved for Theta Zeta and for Beta Theta Pi?

4. Shall Beta Theta Pi preserve its Toronto chapter in this extraordinary situation, when its life is threatened, not by carelessness or mismanagement or deeds of dishonor, but because of a lofty and heroic patriotism which has led its members to lay "upon the altar of their country their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor"?

5. Shall Beta Theta Pi give to the college and fraternity world an incomparable illustration of the strength of its organization, the power of its sentiment, the abiding faith of its members in their brothers?

It is up to you. Here is a situation such as has never faced us before. Here is an opportunity to prove what Beta Theta Pi, what fraternity means. Here is a Macedonian cry that should stir every loyal Beta heart: "Come over into Toronto and help us!" We want a dollar a man from every active Beta contributed on "Pater Knox Night" when we think of our debt to the founders of our fraternity. Alumni have asked a chance to share. Let them know about it. Send the money to me. I will account for it and forward it to the General Treasurer for administration. Brothers, let us make this the great event of the college year, the greatest event in the long history of Beta Theta Pi. It is an opportunity that comes but once in a lifetime. It is a chance to prove Beta Theta Pi what some of us hope that it is, the greatest of American college fraternities. I bespeak your co-operation. I have faith in the fraternity. I believe it will prove its power on February 7, 1916.

"Thus honor shall come to the badge that we wear,
And every true Beta that honor shall share."

A supplementary appeal was sent out to the alumni of the fraternity. Anticipating a little here, it may be said, that, because of the unexpected length of the war, a second appeal in aid of the Toronto chapter was sent out in 1918; that the 1916 call brought \$3,040, and the 1918 one \$2,221.60; that \$983.97 of the amount raised was not expended, and that this balance, at the convention of 1919, when the Baird Fund was established, at the request of the Toronto chapter, was turned into the new fund in memory of the Toronto chapter dead.

During the year the fraternity was honored by a bequest in the will of Arthur C. Gilmore, a citizen of Massachusetts, not a member of Beta Theta

Pi. The will provided for gifts to two members of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology chapter, and also provided that, upon the death of the testator's sister, \$10,000 should be paid to the Institute, whose trustees were to "use the entire net income thereof for the purpose of assisting needy students of said institution who shall be members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, it being my wish and desire that said income be divided among not more than two students as aforesaid in any one year."

The Gamma Eta chapter at Georgia School of Technology, was formally instituted on January 6, 1917, by General Secretary Francis W. Shepardson, who was assisted by Trustee William L. Graves, District Chief Jones, local alumni, and active members from Davidson, North Carolina and Vanderbilt chapters. It was the outgrowth of the Alpha Pi Alpha local society which was organized on November 2, 1912.

A number of notable banquets were held in 1917, two of them being in special honor of Aimaro Sato, De Pauw, '81, the ambassador from Japan to the United States. On January 30, 1917, at Washington, sixty-five members from thirty-five chapters greeted him, President Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, being present and one of his hosts being Dr. S. S. Laws, Miami, '48, who was ninety-three years old. At Pittsburgh on March 14, 1917, the ambassador was welcomed by seventy-five members. At the Washington dinner Baron Sato said among other things:

"I am deeply touched by the cordial reception you have given me. It revives vividly in my mind the pleasant memory of the good old days I spent in the De Pauw chapter, and I feel as if my boyhood had come back to me in all its beauty. This kind of a meeting is agreeable to me because it breathes genuine friendship without any shadow of conventionality. I like it all the more because, banishing all worldly cares, forgetting our ages, politics, creeds, nationalities, varied or conflicting interests, and laying aside even diplomacy, we come here to have a good time together simply as brothers in the bonds of Beta Theta Pi and to recall the sweet associations of the past and to form wider friendships for the future."

At the same dinner one of the speakers, Bishop Earl Cranston, Ohio, '61, of the Methodist Episcopal church, said of his memories:

"As I look back to the time of my initiation into Beta Theta Pi, I am impressed by the inspiration which the ritual gave me. Surely, I thought as I went from the impressive ceremony; surely, they have made a mistake to think that I am worthy of being talked to in this way. And then I determined to be the man which they seemed to think I was. I had the vision of the fraternity's ideals. After all it is the vision that a young fellow gets that helps most if he achieves success. The trouble with most of our public men is that they started off with too constricted a view of things. Without vision life is drudgery, with vision a man may do the hardest work with songs in his soul. And it is your young men who see the visions most clearly; old men only dream dreams of things that are past."

Other noteworthy dinners were at Chicago, with 150 out, at Austin, Texas, in connection with the district reunion, at Akron, Ohio, where thirty in the company represented twenty chapters, at Canton, Ohio, Eugene, Oregon, Lafayette, Indiana, Columbia, Missouri, and Amherst, Massachusetts. At Springfield, Ohio, on January 18, 1917, Alpha Gamma celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, seventy-eight being present at the banquet which the Beta president of the college, Dr. Charles G. Heckert, '86, guided as toastmaster.

On March 10, 1917, the Knox chapter dedicated its chapter hall to the memory of George Fitch. By skillful utilization of basement space, it had secured a meeting place of chaste and classic beauty. The dedication serv-

ice, simple and yet impressive, helped to set the room apart not only in the chapter house but in the memory of all who were present as

“—a place where brothers greet,
Where true, kindred hearts do meet.
At an altar sending love's sweet incense high.”

The Colorado Mines and Oklahoma chapters found their new houses of great value in their fraternity life. On May 1, 1917, the New York Beta Club moved from No. 1 Gramercy Park to much superior quarters at No. 40 East Fortieth Street, where it remained until it gave up its organization after the World War.

On March 15, 1917, death claimed William Raimond Baird, Stevens,



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'78, editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*. His funeral services two days later were attended by the officials of the fraternity, General Secretary Shepardson making the address. The June issue of the magazine was made a memorial number, former presidents Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, and John Calvin Hanna, Wooster, '81, paying tribute to the services of Brother Baird for Beta Theta Pi, and leaders in Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Delta Phi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu bringing meed of praise for his contributions in the larger field of effort of American college fraternities. An editorial in the same number, written by the General Secretary, who had been asked by the Board of Trustees to assume control of the magazine, after reviewing Brother Baird's service as editor-in-chief for nearly a quarter of a century and expressing appreciation of the kind tributes of leaders of other fraternities, said:

“There is another memorial to William Raimond Baird which cannot be visualized. It is the place he won in the hearts of his brothers. At conventions, at banquets, in

chapter halls, in his fraternal chats around the fireside, and in confidential conversations in his office, he found opportunity to influence, to instruct and to inspire a great company of Betas who will always cherish his memory with tender affection. He has stamped his personality on the fraternity in a way that can not be effaced. In all probability we shall not see his like again in Beta Theta Pi. Nor is it likely that the fraternity world, in our generation at least, will produce a worker of his peculiar type. Although successful as a man of affairs in the practice of his chosen profession, he never once lost interest in the things which relate to college life. With maturing judgment there remained fraternal love. With growing years there abided the ability to appreciate youth. We lay upon his tomb a wreath of fragrant memory. The fraternity will not forget what he has done for it. His friends will miss him sorely as the lengthening years roll by."

In his report to the convention of 1917, President Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, read an expression from the Board of Trustees, which, at its request had been prepared by former President Willis O. Robb.

"An association during long years, such as was maintained with the board by Brother Baird, he being the man that he was, is a memorable thing, and a thing whose value is perhaps more fully realized at its termination than ever before. In all the board's deliberations, William R. Baird's tremendous fund of fraternity knowledge and experience was ever at its service; his friendly and helpful presence enlivened a long series of successful meetings; for a quarter of a century no project was ever advanced for the fraternity's benefit that did not receive his wise, discreet, inspiring assistance.

It is not easy to make record of the purely personal and brotherly relations established long ago between this great man in Beta Theta Pi and scores of the workers in the fraternity, nor to estimate the undoubted influence of his personality, his large affection, his geniality of manner, his pungency of expression, his wisdom as counselor and friend, upon the thousands of undergraduates who counted it a privilege to meet and know him at the annual conventions of Beta Theta Pi. No fraternity man of his time has left, none will leave, so definitely marked an impress upon the life of the American college.

In all this we take pride. We take pride, too, in the place of acknowledged premiership which he occupied in the college fraternity world, a place grudged him by none, but gladly admitted by all the college brotherhoods.

It is unnecessary to recount William Raimond Baird's special achievements for his beloved fraternity. They are known and recognized by every man who wears the badge and bears the name of Beta Theta Pi. A great man has dropped from our ranks, but not from our hearts. Him we cannot forget. He is forever enshrined in our affections, assured of an immortality of love and tender recollection in the mind and soul of every member of Beta's legions."

Another death of the year was that, on June 9, 1917, of Ralph K. Jones, Maine, '86, who had followed a term as district chief by five years of important work in the capacity of alumni secretary.

During the year, following the instructions of a recent convention, the board made a careful study of conditions in Hanover College and Iota chapter. Its report recommended that the charter of the chapter be surrendered by active members and alumni or that immediate steps be taken to build up at Hanover a strong and successful chapter which should uphold its ancient traditions. For the latter purpose the board recommended a special committee, headed by Dean Stanley Coulter, of Purdue University, Hanover, '70, with William A. Stark, of Cincinnati, Hanover, '05, and a third member to be chosen by these two.

The work of the chapters during the year was sadly affected by the excitement and enthusiasm attending the World War. In his report to the convention of 1917 General Secretary Shepardson said:

"This convention meets under the most remarkable conditions which the fraternity has ever experienced. The two countries in which its chapters are located find themselves linked as allies in a great cause. The whole world stands in front of the battle line,

part of it facing toward the future, as we fondly believe; another part with eyes toward the things of yesterday. The call of freedom has sounded on every college campus and the selected sons of America have left the class room, the scenes of student activities, the athletic field and the quiet courts of leisure, to seek the stern discipline of the training camp and to share the soldier's lot. Among these is a great company of those who have learned idealism at the altar of Beta Theta Pi. In every branch of the service they are now at their posts of duty. In the air or beneath the water, on the rough surface of the sea, or on the tented field, driving the ambulance marked with the Red Cross of Mercy, or in the cabinet or council chamber, wherever brain or body may find work to do, there, as we meet in convention, the sons of Beta Theta Pi are found. Looking back over the records of other days when the Civil War divided our land, we recall the proud story of Beta achievement. It is this that inspires us with a deep faith that when the present world struggle is over, high on the scroll of honor and fame will be found the names of gifted leaders who also have had the honor of being counted "worthy to wear the badge and bear the name of Beta Theta Pi." It has been a source of justifiable pride to the officers of the fraternity to receive from more than one brother in khaki letters telling of the influence of the ideals of Beta Theta Pi in the preparation of mind, heart, soul and body for the possible supreme sacrifice of a soldier.

Even before the President of the United States had proclaimed the reasons which called our country to take its place with the entente allies in the supreme struggle to "make the world safe for democracy," members of the American chapters had hastened to join their Canadian brothers in places of service and danger. When the decision of the nation was announced, everywhere books were laid aside, as eager youth pressed forward into military training, or, with lessened interest, they were kept in hand until the completion of the college year should make a more perfect occasion for the transfer of activities. In either case, the end of real fraternity life for the year came with the flaming of the sword. Some of the chapters seemed about to be destroyed completely; others faced the most serious situations because of financial obligations in connection with chapter houses, others, looking ahead to the next college year, foresaw large losses in membership, reduction in the number of possibilities in the way of candidates, difficult problems connected with the maintenance of house and table. Something like a panic manifested itself for a time, and frequent letters between chapter and fraternity officials and chapter and alumni reflected the unsettled feeling.

But the hour had come to test the sentiment behind the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. No one questioned the importance of the decision of the boys to leave the chapter house for the barracks. Every true Beta recognized that the highest duty was to country. The years of peace and prosperity were over. Danger threatened at the gate. In such a crisis the old plea was the new one:

"How can man die better than facing fearful odds
For the ashes of his fathers and the temples of his gods?"

The loyalty and enthusiasm of American youth knew no other way than to follow the flag wherever that banner led, even though it carry one into the valley and the shadow. The loyalty and enthusiasm of the older Betas replied, in case of chapter after chapter, "Don't worry about the overhead charges; we shall look after these, as you go forth to fight for us and our native land." There was the sure conviction on the part of fraternity officials that Beta Theta Pi was strong and powerful, and better situated than any similar organization, perhaps, to meet the strain and stress of a war loss even of exceptional magnitude. Fraternity officials, alumni reservists and active Betas alike were united in one feeling, that, if necessary, every chapter might better die, every dollar invested in chapter houses be lost, every college building be closed forever, rather than that the higher demands of God, of humanity, of country, of civilization, be neglected for an instant. We have a right to intense pride in Beta Theta Pi, as we have seen its deepest sentiment stirred and tested in the presence of the god of war."

The general convention was held in the International Hotel, Niagara Falls, New York, beginning September 4. District Chief George Howard Bruce, Centre, '99, was chosen president. The influence of the war was apparent in all proceedings. There was an interchange of telegrams with the White House:

Woodrow Wilson,
White House, Washington, D.C.

Representatives of seventy-eight colleges and universities of the United States and Canada, assembled in the general convention of Beta Theta Pi send greetings and pledges of loyal support. The fraternity to which your father belonged has already furnished one thousand of its selected men to be officers in American and Canadian armies and will stand by you to the end until victory comes for democracy and humanity.

GEORGE H. BRUCE, *President*
JAMES T. BROWN, *Secretary*

The White House,
Washington, September 7, 1917

My Dear Mr. Bruce:

I am extremely obliged to you and Mr. Brown for your telegram of September fifth. Will you not accept for yourself and convey to the members of the fraternity an expression of my deep appreciation of and warm thanks for your patriotic pledges?

WOODROW WILSON

A special convention committee "on the present state and future prosperity of the fraternity" made its report through its chairman, Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, as follows:

1. We take renewed pride in the long record of achievement of our fraternity, expressing again our faith in its lofty ideals and our confidence in its assured future.

2. We rejoice in the fine spirit which is manifested in the chapters throughout the wide domain of Beta Theta Pi.

3. We find special reason for satisfaction in the loyalty and abiding interest of the alumni, a characteristic of our fraternity throughout its history.

4. Our confidence in the future of Beta Theta Pi has its certain foundations in these three powerful forces, the nobility of our fraternity ideals, the fidelity of our active members, the loyalty of our alumni.

5. We recognize the difficulties which we face as we look forward to the coming year in Beta Theta Pi. We see weakened chapters, so far as numbers go; we see financial difficulties; we appreciate the seriousness of administrative problems.

6. But we feel confident that each active member will bear the responsibilities with greater conscientiousness; that each alumnus will feel his obligation with more binding power; and that, in unity of spirit, behind our great leaders in administration, we shall go forward in spite of all present and threatening ills.

7. With this assurance we once again renew our vows to help build stronger a fraternity which recognizes mutual assistance in the honorable labors and aspirations of life, devotion to the cultivation of the intellect, unsullied friendship and unfaltering fidelity as objects worthy the highest aim and purpose of associated endeavor.

8. We pledge allegiance as individuals and as a fraternity to the government and flag of our country; we declare our unswerving devotion to the cause for which hundreds of our brothers have gone forth to fight and, if God wills, to die; we solemnly plight our faith to uphold their hands and to do our bit wherever we may be; that thus, united in heart and in purpose, on the battlefield or in the quieter walks of life at home, we shall move forward with the marching forces of humanity and civilization toward a lasting peace, which shall bring once more to burdened mankind its consolation and balm, and point the way upward to a nobler fraternity."

Nine chapters had no delegates at the convention, Case, Colorado Mines, Cornell, Indiana, Kansas State, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Western Reserve. The Pennsylvania State delegate answered the roll call on the first day only. The Columbia delegate came late. The Ohio Wesleyan delegate went to Asheville, North Carolina, for the convention, the first plan being to hold it there. In a number of cases the delegates attending were emergency men, selected hastily to fill the places of members who had gone to camp. The total membership of the fraternity was reported to be 22,587. General Treasurer Gavin varied his usual report by announcing a deficit in net operating expenses and income of \$2,813.47, although the income of the year from



GEORGE HOWARD BRUCE, *Centre*, '99
General Secretary, 1917-1926

ordinary fraternity sources was \$18,013.70, the largest in the history of Beta Theta Pi. But the increased costs in every line, and some extraordinary expenditures, for a new edition of the Code, for a new edition of the Ritual, for part payment on the volume of "Beta Letters," for part payment on the new catalogue, and for coats of arms furnished the chapters, had produced a deficit, which he feared might be expected the next year also in view of the situation facing the chapters in war time. The convention finally withdrew the charter of Alpha Lambda chapter at Wooster, no opportunity for its re-establishment in the near future seeming likely if, indeed, there ever would be a desire to re-enter the institution. A charter was granted to the Trident Club of Washington and Lee University, all delegates present voting for it, but the convention again denied the petition of the Sigma Rho local society of Carnegie Institute of Technology. George Howard Bruce, Centre, '99, was elected General Secretary, to succeed Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, who retired after ten years' service, and J. Harold Ryan, Yale, '08, was chosen trustee. The first award of the Sisson trophy was made to the Missouri chapter, nine members of the chapter being present at the convention to receive the coveted honor. The report of the committee on chapters, made by District Chief Delos J. Needham, University of Washington, '07, was the most exhaustive yet presented to a convention, its recommendations being made with firm determination to keep the fraternity on the highest possible level, despite the inroads of war. One of its items announced that out of 1,901 active members in sixty-five chapters on which there was adequate data 685 had enlisted in the military service and that 242 of the members in the chapters the previous year had received commissions as officers. From another inquiry made during the convention it was found that 3,643 members of the fraternity were in uniform.

The volume of "Beta Letters," mentioned by the General Treasurer in his report to the convention, was the last of the literary labors for the fraternity of William Raimond Baird. He had collected a large number of letters interchanged between Beta correspondents of earlier days, had arranged them in proper sequence, after some difficulty in many cases, and had the galley proofs on his desk, when the unexpected summons came. He had written the preface, dating it May 1, 1917, as if indicating the time he expected to have it ready for delivery. The Board of Trustees designated Francis W. Shepardson and George M. Chandler, two of its members as a special committee to complete the publication, which they did during the year following Brother Baird's death. The volume in its 650 pages contains an invaluable collection of original material on the history of the fraternity and must ever be regarded a monumental work as a source book of information.

On November 10, 1917, the Trident Club at Washington and Lee became the Alpha Rho chapter of Beta Theta Pi, the ceremonies of institution being in charge of General Secretary George H. Bruce, Centre, '99, with Trustee George M. Chandler assisting.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees in Chicago on December 29, 1917, statistics were presented by General Secretary Bruce, showing a decrease of about 27 per cent in the membership of the chapters on account of the war, enrollments for October, 1916 and 1917 being compared. In a half dozen cases it was found that the situation was serious, but that, in each instance the alumni were standing back of the active members in their diffi-

culties. The feeling was expressed that, should the war continue for several years, it might be impossible to preserve the integrity of the chapter roll. The trustees voted an appropriation of \$250 toward the expenses of the American University Union in Paris. At a meeting in New York on April 13, 1918, the board voted to deposit with the New York Public Library the special collection of fraternity publications bequeathed to Beta Theta Pi by William Raimond Baird. In view of the valuable work done by the New York Beta Theta Pi Club in connection with the soldier members of the fraternity an appropriation was made toward the expenses of the organization and a blanket membership in the club was purchased, covering all of the active men in the chapters.

During the year the ninth edition of the catalogue of the fraternity was published under the editorship of James T. Brown, Cornell, '76. It contained the names of 22,481 members and showed seventy-nine active chapters. In size, arrangement and general serviceableness it took precedence over any edition the fraternity had prepared.

What might be called the war convention was held at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, beginning July 2, 1918. Major George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, United States Army, was chosen president, the uniform he wore during the sessions characterizing the seventy-ninth general convention, whose first address, after the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," reflected the martial spirit of the day. It was by District Chief John A. Blair, Wabash, '93, who set a high standard for the convention, as he praised the exalted ideals of the men fighting to uphold the principles of democracy. On account of war distractions twelve chapters were not represented, Chicago, Colgate, Colorado Mines, Davidson, Dickinson, Kenyon, Maine, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State, Stanford, Utah, and the University of Washington. No petitions for charters were presented, the trustees having discouraged all applicants owing to war conditions. By unanimous vote President Chandler was authorized to send to Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, the following telegram:

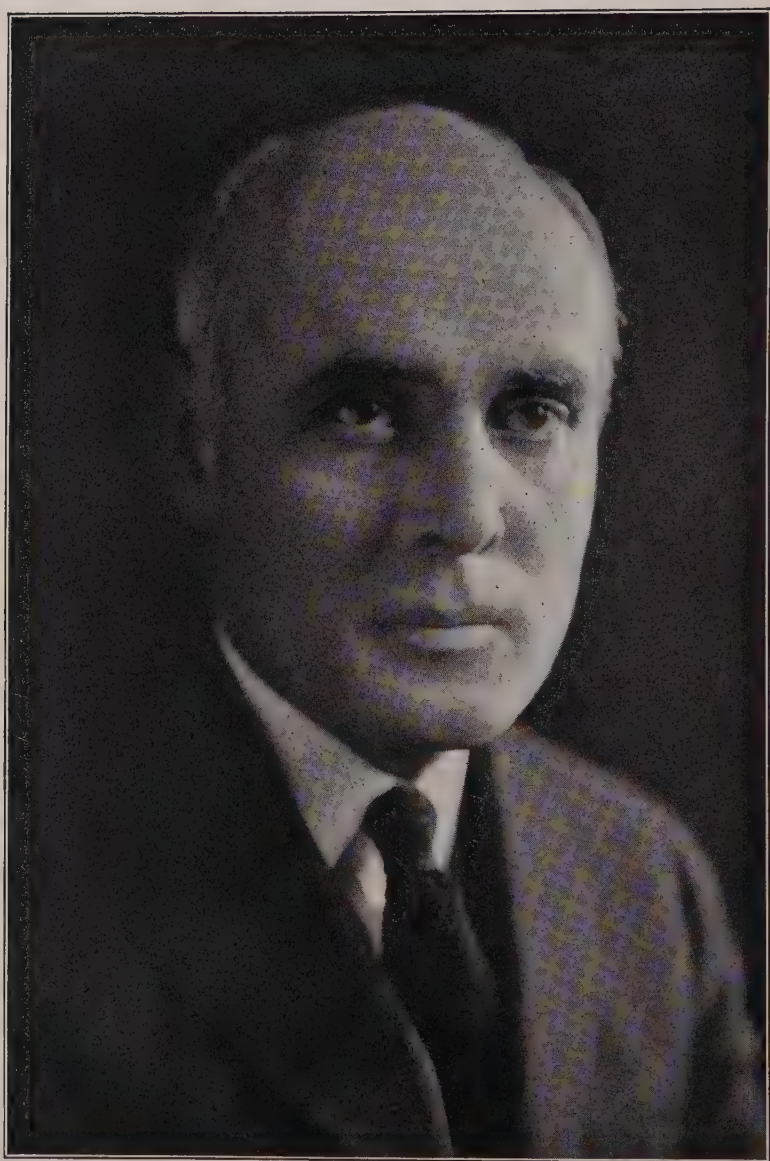
"The Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, in its seventy-ninth general convention assembled, reaffirms its pledge of loyalty and co-operation with the government of the United States. Four thousand one hundred eighty-seven Betas now in active service."

In appreciation of the long service of Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, who retired from the presidency of the fraternity at this convention the following resolution was adopted:

"Beta Theta Pi, in convention assembled, extends to Brother Francis Hinckley Sisson, Knox, '92, a hearty vote of appreciation for his 21 years of untiring service to the Fraternity. Brother Sisson has had the unique distinction during these years of serving as General Treasurer, General Secretary and President of Beta Theta Pi and has always stood for the highest ideals of the Fraternity. We feel that his example of personal sacrifice for the benefit of Beta Theta Pi will serve as an inspiration long years after his retirement."

While Brother Sisson expressed his desire to retire from administrative connection with the fraternity, he was persuaded to remain upon the board of trustees at least until the possible problems of war had been faced. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, was elected president to succeed him, on July 4, 1918.

The total membership of the fraternity was announced to be 23,371.



FRANCIS H. SISSON, *Knox*, '92

Having the unique record of serving as General Treasurer, General Secretary, President and Trustee of Beta Theta Pi.

General Treasurer Gavin reported, that, notwithstanding all the disturbance of the war, all dues had been collected, all bills had been paid, and that, in spite of his fears of a deficit which he expressed at the 1917 convention, there was a cash balance of \$7,195.43. A second Toronto appeal during the year brought in \$2,276.60, of which a balance of \$958.47 remained after paying interest charges and taxes. The General Treasurer's recommendation that the board of trustees be empowered to omit the convention of 1919, should war conditions make it seem desirable, was adopted by the convention, as was his accompanying recommendation that, in such case, a budget appropriation of the same amount as for 1918-1919 should be considered granted for the year of omitted meeting.

In his report as editor of the magazine, Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, again urged an endowment fund, suggesting that memberships be sold at \$10.00 each, subscription to the magazine for life to go to each contributor. After considerable discussion the proposition was referred by the convention to the trustees with authority to establish such a fund should it seem practicable.

The propriety of the appropriation of \$250 toward the American University Union in Paris was shown during the year by the fact that, between October 14, 1918, and January 30, 1919, there were at Union headquarters 328 registrations of Betas from seventy-one chapters.



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OWEN D. YOUNG, *St. Lawrence '94*
Trustee of the Baird Fund; International Diplomat in World War
adjustments.

CHAPTER X

THE DECADE FOLLOWING THE WAR

The Knox chapter published an attractive pamphlet of eighteen pages, with decorative cover, "The Military Honor Roll of Xi Chapter in the World War."

With the completion of Volume XLV of the *Beta Theta Pi* James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, who had been connected with the publishing side of the magazine for many years, making a member of what was often mentioned as "the firm of Baird and Brown," retired from that service.

George C. Rankin, Monmouth, '72, who was General Secretary of the fraternity during 1876-1877 and editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, 1877-1878, died at his home in Monmouth, Illinois early in 1919. He had carefully preserved the record book of the Monmouth chapter which was placed in the archives of the fraternity after his death.

At Commencement time, June 9 to 11, the Denison chapter celebrated its semi-centennial, which, properly coming on December 23, 1918, had been postponed on account of the World War. Seventy-five members of Alpha Eta attended, the occasion being specially marked by the recounting of military experiences by many and by the organization of a movement to build a new chapter house under the stimulus of an offer by Mrs. E. A. Deeds of Dayton, Ohio, whose husband and son are members of the chapter, to match dollar for dollar any amounts subscribed by others toward such a building.

How the World War affected life in the chapters was graphically described by General Secretary Bruce in his report to the convention of 1919:

"During August, 1918, the General Secretary followed as closely as possible the developments in the fraternity situation as influenced by the prospective formation and organization of the Students' Army Training Corps. Early in September the chapters were urged to get busy at once, to perfect their rushing plans, and to pledge early. No one at that time could tell what restrictions might be placed on fraternity activities. Most of the chapters heeded the call for strenuous effort, and reports began to come in showing that definite results were being obtained. On October 1 another bulletin was sent out, urging quick and intelligent decisions, a careful search for good material, and, unless expressly forbidden by government or college authorities, to proceed as usual, so that the organizations might be kept intact and the chapters continue to live and serve.

Early in October the War Department issued a memorandum suspending activities of fraternities in institutions where units of the S.A.T.C. were established; that is, prohibiting living in fraternity houses and functions and meetings of a social or ceremonial nature. However strictly-business meetings were permitted, in order that fraternity organizations might be kept intact. This situation, with some variations depending principally upon interpretations by the authorities at the different institutions, prevailed until the middle of November, when another memorandum was issued, rescinding the former one and placing no restrictions upon fraternity activities except those which were clearly necessary to preserve proper military training and discipline. Very naturally the uncertainty, due to the impossibility for fraternities to determine clearly just exactly where they stood, caused considerable confusion. This more or less chaotic condition was further complicated by the influenza epidemic, which necessitated in a number of institutions quarantines of several weeks. Practically every semblance of chapter life was wiped out in these colleges.

However the spirit of Beta Theta Pi and the loyalty of its members, both undergraduates and alumni, never faltered. The chapters of Beta Theta Pi co-operated with the government officials and acquiesced in and endeavored earnestly to carry out whatever ruling these thought best to make. Thirteen houses were closed; eight were turned over to the colleges to be used for various purposes; twenty-one were used for barracks; nineteen were kept open; three were used for hospitals; four rented houses were given up. The members of nearly every chapter were in barracks. Fifty-six rushed early. Some initiated at once, others preferring to delay until conditions were more definitely determined. When the order came to disband the S.A.T.C., a number of chapters waited to initiate until after reorganization.

Activities were completely suspended at Brown, Colorado University, Iowa University, Stanford, Williams and Yale. There was very little activity at California, Ohio State, Pennsylvania, Stevens, and Washington University. Although the following chapters rushed and initiated early, after the S.A.T.C. was organized, operations were practically suspended: Amherst, Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, Utah. Neither rushing nor pledging was permitted at Columbia and Washington-Jefferson. Meetings were prohibited at Denver. Pledging was prohibited at South Dakota. Lehigh held no meetings. Conditions were nearly normal at Bethany, Pennsylvania, Toronto, and Vanderbilt.

The majority held meetings, some regularly, others irregularly, due to the difficulty members had to secure passes for the same hour. However, Beta life and Beta spirit were kept at as high a degree as possible, and, notwithstanding the apparently serious conditions which existed among a number of the chapters as shown by the statistics given, when the S.A.T.C. was disbanded and the chapters had returned to their houses, there developed such a determined effort to place Beta Theta Pi at the top, the "come back" was truly marvelous. It seemed at one time almost impossible to except order out of chaos before at least a year had elapsed, and yet I can truthfully say that, with the exception of possibly half a dozen chapters, Beta Theta Pi is stronger today than before the war."

It was with the high spirit, thus so well described by General Secretary Bruce that the fraternity approached the general convention of 1919, which was held at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Massachusetts, beginning its sessions on September 2. General Treasurer James Lathrop Gavin, De Pauw, '96, was elected president. The report of Keeper of the Rolls Brown showed a total membership of 24,342, of whom 2,074 had been in the chapters during the year just closed. He called attention to his report for 1917 which showed 2,296 members in college, this being the highest ever known, contrasted that with the number, 1,833, for 1918, and then noted the number, 2,074, as showing the fraternity in a strong position, despite the war. The General Treasurer's statement of the year's conditions supplemented admirably that of the General Secretary quoted above. He said:

"The college year of 1918 opened with the world on fire and our fraternity organization seemingly all shot to pieces. Our membership was depleted by the rush of the brothers to the colors. Much as these boys loved their chapters, they loved their country more, and all over this great land our Beta boys put on the uniform and, in answer to their country's call, offered their all in order that the so-called efficient despotism of a German Kaiser should not rule the world. Chapter houses were vacated by the chapters, taken over by the S.A.T.C., and used as barracks. Fraternity meetings in a large measure were dispensed with. Chapter officials could not be located, or were so intensely occupied by other, more pressing things, that no time could be given to fraternity work. District Chiefs entered into war work. October reports failed to come in. Likewise general dues were unpaid. October, November, and December presented a most discouraging aspect to your General Treasurer.

Then came the armistice. The S.A.T.C. was abandoned. Chapter houses were returned to the chapters. The solid organization and the recuperative force of the fraternity began to make themselves felt and by the first of March the Beta Theta Pi fraternity was functioning in its usual way, seemingly oblivious of and untouched by the greatest war of all time. The delayed October reports came in. General dues were paid, and Beta Theta Pi once more showed its strength and stability by enabling

your General Treasurer to report as usual, all dues collected, all bills paid. That the fraternity should have gone through this great war without the loss of a chapter or chapter house, and without a single chapter in the fraternity being reported to the convention as delinquent in payment of general dues should be a source of justifiable pride."

He then stated the cash balance to be \$6,431.68, but with the expenses of the convention, estimated at \$7,500.00, to be met, the exact financial situation was that there was a deficit of approximately \$1,000. He urged consideration of a recommendation that the annual dues be increased by \$1.00, showing by quotations that, even with this advance, they would be less than those of some of the competing and usually denominated rival fraternities. This recommendation was followed by the convention, since it was



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evident that the increasing activities of the fraternity required increased income.

Francis W. Shepardson, editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, in his report to the convention, recalled the attitude of the White Sulphur Springs meeting regarding the suggested endowment fund. He stated that, although no effort had been made to secure any subscriptions, sixteen members had sent in their ten dollars, following the lead of Major George M. Chandler, president of that convention. He named Sam A. Allen, Robert A. Brown, James M. Chamberlain, J. T. Crane, Stephen M. Gamble, James R. Holmes, Hiram G. Jeffrey, Ernest M. Merrill, J. Ernest Mitchell, Harold H. Reinecke, J. Stickney Shepard, L. O. Smith, Herbert Stansbury, Robert M. Thompson, Richard E. Treyner, and John Hale, as such endowment builders. He then expressed his desire to turn into the treasury of the fraternity the balance in the magazine fund at the end of the year, amounting to \$912.68, as representing subscriptions of ten dollars each from individuals named by him

among them all the founders and early leaders of Beta Theta Pi, toward an endowment fund for the fraternity magazine. This was in accordance with a decision made by the board of trustees which had reported to the convention earlier in its session:

"For more than a year the board has been considering the suggestion at the last general convention that the fraternity magazine be furnished to members for life on payment of ten dollars for each subscription, and that, in the future, each initiate be required to pay a fee of ten dollars to Beta Theta Pi in addition to any initiation fee demanded by his chapter, such payment constituting him a life subscriber to the magazine. The subject has been studied carefully from many viewpoints, both as a detached plan and as part of a far larger scheme of fraternity endowment. The thought of having some day a fraternity magazine to which every member of Beta Theta Pi is a life subscriber makes strong appeal to the imagination. The development of a permanent fund, one day to be so large as to afford income for wider activities than those so far proposed strikes the fancy and stimulates fraternity zeal as well. The board now recommends to the convention that such life subscriptions be established; that the necessary amendments to the laws of the fraternity be made to provide for the different types of subscriptions mentioned above; that all money received for such purposes shall be kept in a separate permanent fund, whose income only shall be used; and that this fund shall forever be known as the "Baird Fund," in lasting memorial to William Raimond Baird."

The convention's response to the proposition was immediate, enthusiastic and practical. The Toronto chapter, now able to take care of itself again, asked that nearly \$1,000 remaining in the fraternity treasury from the amount subscribed for it, be transferred to the new fund. In an hour of great excitement the pledges came in fast. Chapter after chapter subscribed in the name of those for whom the gold stars shine. Beta father, Beta brother, Beta friend, esteemed professor, chapter founder, chapter "pater"—almost every kind of designation was made. It was much like a church debt raising meeting. When the busy secretaries had counted up the cash, checks and pledges, the "Baird Fund" had to its credit \$5,500. The convention also voted that each initiate should pay \$10, into the fund, thus becoming a subscriber to the magazine for life.

The convention also established the "Founders' Fund." This was an immediate outgrowth of the "Baird Fund." Some alumni indicated their desire to contribute larger amounts than \$10 and to have the money earned in interest used for other fraternity purposes. Stratford L. Morton, Washington '10, repeated his offer to be one of ten to give \$1,000 each toward such a fund. A lawyer reported that he had recently drawn up a will in which there was a legacy to Beta Theta Pi. The convention was reminded that the property in chapter houses now held for the fraternity represented a valuation of about \$1,500,000. There was talk about a fund to help chapters in their house construction, to provide fellowships and scholarships as prizes to be contended for, to establish instructors or big brothers in chapter homes, to help members needing loans in order to continue their college work, to help those to enjoy fraternity life who might be barred otherwise because of poverty, to enable the fraternity to carry on more frequent and more helpful inspection, to make it possible to reduce the annual dues and other charges. Some thought that the annual income should be at least \$50,000. And others, with hopeful enthusiasm looked forward to the fraternity's centennial, twenty years away, as the latest date for completing the "Founders' Fund." To provide for it the convention added the following law to the code of the fraternity:

"Sec. 62c The Founders' Fund shall be a general endowment fund of the fraternity to which shall be assigned any moneys which may accrue from legacies, gifts, donations or other sources. The principal of this fund shall forever remain intact. The interest accruing shall be used under direction of the Board of Trustees in such manner as the general convention may direct."

James L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96, was re-elected General Treasurer, and Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, trustee. John R. Simpson, Miami, '98, was also chosen trustee, to fill the unexpired term of Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, resigned. In reporting this resignation to the convention the board of trustees paid him the following tribute:

"The board has received the resignation of one of its members, Francis H. Sisson. He was elected by the convention of 1918 to be a trustee of the fraternity for the term ending in 1921. The circumstances of his election were unusual. He had just completed his service as president of Beta Theta Pi. During that incumbency he had presented to the fraternity, "The Sisson Efficiency Trophy," a beautiful cup to be awarded each year to the chapter showing the nearest approach to the ideal. He had had the unique distinction of working for Beta Theta Pi in the four capacities of Trustee, General Treasurer, General Secretary and President. For more than a score of years, in spite of steady advancement in his own business career, he had shown a fine spirit of loyalty and devotion to the high ideals of the fraternity, heeding its call whenever it came and giving to it a prompt and hearty response, no matter at what sacrifice to himself. With such a record he might have demanded release from further service, particularly after having had the highest honors of Beta Theta Pi. When the fraternity officials at White Sulphur Springs revealed their anxiety regarding the future, owing to the overhanging clouds of a world war, and urged him to remain on the board until the way ahead again seemed clear, once again his loyal nature responded and he consented—after having been presiding officer of the board and titular head of Beta Theta Pi—to become one of the three non-official members and to give to the fraternity the benefit of his rich experience, his wise counsel and his warm heart. Now that the war is over and college conditions are rapidly becoming normal he asks to be relieved, in order that some other member may have the opportunity and the privilege to work for Beta Theta Pi upon its executive board. The fraternity can never express to Francis H. Sisson its appreciation of all he has done for it during the years of faithful and devoted official and personal service. But it has placed his name "high on the scroll of honor and fame," in the list of not over a dozen men whose unselfish toil for Beta Theta Pi has helped to make it a great fraternity—those men who are Beta Immortals. He sought no such place, but he gave unfaltering fidelity. The fraternity he loves rewards him with unsullied friendship."

Two charters were granted by the convention, one to the Sigma Rho local society of Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and one to Gamma Delta local society of Washington State College, Pullman, Washington. The first grant had a peculiar condition attached to it. One of the main reasons for opposition to the society, as it had petitioned the fraternity from year to year, was that it was located in a city college and that it would have difficulty in maintaining a chapter house. The charter grant took the form of a carefully matured recommendation of the board of trustees, "that the charter be placed in the hands of the board of trustees in escrow, to be delivered during the college year 1919-1920, but only when the chapter has satisfied the board that it has an equity of \$15,000 in a chapter house and that it is otherwise in a satisfactory condition." Both petitioning bodies received almost the entire favoring vote of the convention. Representatives of Kappa Delta Rho of James Millikin University, Alpha Pi Alpha of the University of Montana, Delta Sigma of Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College and Omega Phi of Southern Methodist University were given the privilege of the floor and permitted to make statements for their respective organizations.

The convention was marked by exceptionally fine reports from all of its committees, notably from those on scholarship, finance, rushing and initiation. They reflected the evident desire of every delegate, now that the war was over, that the fraternity should go forward to a greater career than it had ever known. It was the general impression of veteran convention goers that the sessions had been the most important and inspiring in the history of Beta Theta Pi.

The new fraternity year began with the chapters eager for achievement. The General Secretary sent out an early circular calling for united effort in every chapter. The Alumni Counselor had urged that special attempt be made to get the boys from overseas back into college to complete their courses. There was marked everywhere an increased tendency on the part of young men to go to college. The combination brought about large chapters; and some problems appeared which the chapters had to face for several years. Anxiety was felt by many alumni and by fraternity officials lest in numbers the real values of Beta Theta Pi might be lost. With the increase in numbers another danger appeared in the form of looser living and less restraint, the aftermath of war. By the close of the year it was evident that the fraternity system was to be tested—for the difficulties were those of all organizations and not alone of Beta Theta Pi.

The alumni were alert and active during the year. There were large gatherings in all parts of the land. At Kansas City on October 9, 1919, 140 Betas and friends met at a country club for a field day, followed by dinner and dancing. On October 30, at Indianapolis, eighty-six met to honor the great war governor of Illinois, Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85. This meeting was marked by an interesting feature. A chance remark about the number of members of Beta Theta Pi who had been with the colors led to a rising demonstration, one-half of the company, forty-three, being ex-service men. At Pittsburgh on December 8, the guest of honor was H. Walton Mitchell, Pennsylvania State, '90, a former member of the board of directors of the fraternity who had just been made judge of the orphans' court, over 100 coming together to acclaim him. At Chicago, on December 29, the annual Christmas holiday luncheon of the alumni to greet the undergraduate members from the city and vicinity was attended by 125, the presence of the members of the board of trustees of the fraternity proving an added attraction. At Des Moines, on January 5, 1920, fifty-seven of the delegates to an international young people's convention who were members of Beta Theta Pi had a dinner. On March 27, at Dayton, 194 were seated at the tables in connection with the annual Ohio joint district reunion.

Gamma Theta chapter at Washington State College, Pullman, Washington, was formally instituted by President Shepardson, the program of events covering three days, January 16, 17 and 18, 1920. The initiation ceremonies were held in a local Masonic hall, the official robes being used by participants, the members of near-by chapters at Idaho and Whitman aiding. There were 112 at the banquet which did not close until after the Sabbath had begun, and there was a serenade after that. Nevertheless sixty of the Betas, new and old, attended services in the Presbyterian church of which the pastor was Rev. W. A. Spalding, Monmouth, '76. While an undergraduate he had been president of the presiding chapter, and so, in a sense, head of the fraternity. He saw one of his sons admitted to the new Washington State chapter at its installation, having previously had another son as one of the charter members of the University of Washington chapter.

His sermon naturally discussed the values of fraternity, the congregation being informed of the special significance of the presence of so many strangers that morning and of his relationship with them. In connection with this installation President Shepardson visited the chapters, active and alumni, in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. At Seattle the largest Beta dinner ever held in the Northwest brought together 127 members, representing thirty-two chapters.

Gamma Iota chapter, at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was formally instituted on May 15, 1920, by President Shepardson and General Secretary Bruce, the Sigma Rho local society having met the conditions placed upon their charter grant by the convention. The occa-



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sion was one which brought out another large company at a dinner which was characterized by great enthusiasm over the new chapter.

During the year Phi chapter at the University of Pennsylvania undertook for the fraternity a highly desirable service by the establishment of a magazine exchange, through which either chapters or individuals might complete files of the fraternity magazine.

Two chapter houses were lost by fire, the Bethany house burning in the morning of December 2, 1919, and the Knox house at chapel time February 26, 1920. In each case the house was ruined, the members lost many of their possessions, but most of the archive material was saved, and there was a small amount of insurance toward payment for the loss. The Knox fire prompted a gift from Mr. Clyde R. Joy, of Keokuk, Iowa, of \$15,000 toward a house, this gift coming from one not a member of the fraternity as a memorial to his son, Ralph Brackett Joy, Knox, '12, who had died a year before.

On May 1, 1920, the Chicago chapter occupied as owner a house facing

the campus of the university and admirably adapted for its purpose. Built for a professor's home it was easily converted into a satisfactory chapter house. On May 18 the Union chapter had a house warming, to mark the completion of an addition which provided long needed facilities for chapter life.

Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, and Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, were selected to act with the General Treasurer as trustees of the Founders Fund, and Francis H. Sisson and James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, to act with the same official as trustees of the Baird Fund.

Discreditable acts by members of the Tau Sigma chapter at Iowa State College for a time endangered the existence of the chapter in the institution and greatly injured the fraternity cause there. Through the energy and tact of Professor O. H. Cessna, Northwestern, '84, and District Chief Russell Marks, Yale, '95, the threatened penalty was averted, but the chapter received such a blow that several years were required before it regained its standing in the college.

The Amherst chapter received two notable gifts. One was a bequest of \$5,000 through the will of John Van Buren Scarborough, Amherst, '81, one of the charter members of the local society, "Torch and Crown," which later became Beta Iota of Beta Theta Pi. At the annual initiation reunion Frank M. Lay, Amherst, '93, presented the chapter with \$2,000, to establish a Freshman scholarship fund, the interest of which was to provide for prizes for excellence in scholarship on the part of members of each Freshman class.

Mrs. William Raimond Baird died on November 29, 1919. Her love for Beta Theta Pi was great, and the fraternity became her beneficiary, receiving for its Founders' Fund the bulk of her estate, in value about \$65,000. Having attended many conventions her acquaintance with members of the fraternity was large and there was great sorrow because of her death.

Another death of the year was that of John S. Goodwin, De Pauw, '77, member of a family connection which had given ten individuals to the fraternity. While in college he developed so much enthusiasm in research into the history of Beta Theta Pi that, in time, he became official fraternity historiographer and, in that capacity, rescued from oblivion many facts connected with the early days. For sixteen years preceding his death his country home at Naperville, near Chicago, was the Mecca each Spring for a pilgrimage of the Betas of Chicago and vicinity. All the good things of the farm were spread upon the bounteous board, and with a spirit of genuine Beta enthusiasm everywhere manifested, these pilgrimages became famous throughout the fraternity.

The convention of 1920 opened its sessions on September 3, in the Y.M.C.A. Camp on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, being chosen president. It was the largest gathering of Betas in the history of the fraternity. The spacious auditorium of the camp was filled on several occasions. There were 520 present at the banquet, and 730 members and their family friends enjoyed Sunday dinner together. The attendance of alumni was large, visitors coming by train and automobile from Chicago and its suburbs and from the surrounding region. The convention was big in ideals also and in its achievement. The committee reports were of high grade. The convention perfected the machinery for carrying out the visions of Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, for better co-operation of alumni and active chapters. It received and heartily en-

dorsed the plan, presented by John R. Simpson, Miami, '99, for gradual reduction of the size of chapters until thirty-nine everywhere should be recognized as the maximum. It formally adopted the indentures for the Baird Fund and the Founders' Fund. The General Treasurer's report was along the usual lines, a perfect score for the chapters being attended by a cash balance of \$13,803.97. A new feature, the first annual report on the Baird Fund, showed liberty bonds of \$13,000 par value and cash in bank of \$7,321.67 belonging to that fund. Keeper of the Rolls Brown reported the total membership of the fraternity to be 25,381. General Secretary George H. Bruce, Centre, '99, was re-elected with great enthusiasm



MORRIS R. EBERSOLE, *Cincinnati*, '98

by unanimous vote; District Chief Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98, was chosen trustee, this honor coming partly in recognition of splendid work as chairman of the committee of arrangements for the convention. There was great interest in an illustrated lecture on the history of the fraternity, in a model initiation ceremonial, and in a program of fun presented by the district chiefs.

The convention dates had been arranged so as to include Sunday and the following Labor Day. This was a factor in the attendance of large numbers of alumni on Sunday. Twice the camp auditorium was filled. The morning religious service was characterized by the camp secretary as having greater spiritual power than any meeting held there during the season. It took

the form of a memorial to the members of the fraternity who had lost their lives in the World War. Special music was provided in addition to the swelling chorus of men which made some of the famous hymns of the church live anew. The Reverend John A. Blair, D.D., Wabash, '93, one of the district chiefs, preached the sermon. After the luncheon, where the largest number of Betas ever assembled around the tables were fed, there was another capacity audience to hear an address by Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85, Governor of Illinois. It was repeatedly declared that no one who was present in convention that Sunday would ever forget the experiences or the inspiration of that day.

During the college year following this convention there was considerable trouble in the chapters caused by the use of liquor in spite of the sentiment of the fraternity against it. Immediate and energetic action by chapters was recommended by the board of trustees, adequate rules to be enforced vigorously where such existed and appropriate rules to be adopted and resolutely supported where none had been made before.

The board also declared itself opposed henceforth to the erection and furnishing of chapter houses at costs so high as to necessitate larger chapter memberships than would accord with the spirit of the "39" resolution passed by the 1920 convention. It urged postponement of new chapter house construction until lower prices for material and labor were available.

The following agreement was made with the New York Public Library, in which, by vote of the fraternity, the special library of fraternity literature willed to Beta Theta Pi by William Raimond Baird was deposited:

This agreement entered into this 11th day of May, 1921, in the City of New York, between the New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, of the first part, and the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity of the second part, witnesseth:

First. The party of the second part, being the owner by gift of the Library of Fraternity Literature formerly belonging to the late William Raimond Baird of New York City and South Orange, New Jersey, and desiring to deposit same in The New York Public Library for the benefit of as many as possible of the people interested in the subjects covered, and the party of the first part, on the other hand, desiring to accept and accommodate the deposit of said Library, do agree and undertake as follows:

(1) The party of the second part will deliver at its own cost, at the convenience of the party of the first part, the William Raimond Baird Library of Fraternity Literature now in storage with the Knickerbocker Storage Warehouse Company of Newark, New Jersey, together with those periodicals and other publications in the possession of the Fraternity or its Officers which would in due course have become portions of said Library had Mr. Baird lived or which would naturally form a part of such library; and will further use its good offices with its own Chapters and Officials and with those of other college fraternities to secure the continuation without cost to the party of the first part, of the future supply of such periodicals and publications, so far as that may be possible; and to submit to the party of the first part at the same time a catalogue or list for indexing and checking purposes of the Library and supplementary matter so turned over, same to be based upon the original catalogue prepared by Mr. Baird.

(2) The party of the first part agrees to provide a suitable book-plate for all the books in this collection, with wording and design to be approved by the party of the second part; also to make every suitable effort to complete the material received, and so far as its funds and resources allow, to bind, catalogue and preserve it—in other words, to give to the collection the same care it gives to similar collections already in its hands.

(3) It is further agreed that unless otherwise provided hereafter in writing between the parties, no items of this Library or collection are to be allowed to be taken out of the building of the New York Public Library.

(4) Either party to this agreement may cause it to be terminated by giving notice to that effect twelve months in advance, but in case such notice shall be given by the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity within twenty-five years from the present time, a reasonable

sum shall be paid to The New York Public Library for the expense it may have incurred in cataloguing and binding the books in this collection and in making additions to this collection.

Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations,
The New York Public Library,
By LEWIS CASS LEDYARD, *President*,
WILLIAM SLOANE, *Secretary*

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity
By FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON, *President*,
GEO. HOWARD BRUCE, *General Secretary*

On May 15, 1921, the home of Beta Theta chapter at Colgate University was destroyed by fire, which apparently was caused by crossed wires. The fire broke out in the afternoon, and, despite hard fighting, the loss was complete. With the help of many student friends most of the furniture, pictures, library books and trophies in the lower stories were saved.

The board of trustees gave considerable study to the subject of chapter memorials to those who lost their lives in the World War. It urged the chapters to consult with Major George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, of the general staff of the United States Army, whom it designated as its representative to give counsel and to pass on designs. All chapters were advised of the importance of preserving the pictures and war records of their service men, and particularly of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

No petitions for charters had been permitted presentation at the 1920 convention, a group at Colby College being definitely discouraged. The board of trustees was unanimous in its opinion that, for still another year, petitions should be barred, and the thought of the fraternity be centered upon those as yet unattained but greatly desired improvements needed to make the organization the powerful agency for human influence all wished it to be. Petition after petition, however, was urged upon the fraternity until the names of eighteen different groups were before the board, each strongly supported by its proper quota of earnest Betas. Studying each case carefully and eliminating for the time all but six, the board decided to permit these six to petition the convention of 1921. They were the Omega Phi local society of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; the Delta Sigma society of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Oklahoma; the Alpha Delta Alpha society of the University of Montana, Missoula, Montana; the Delta Sigma society of the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota; the Kappa Delta Chi society of James Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois, and the Kappa Theta Rho society of Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon. Having selected the six, the board made a careful survey of each, seeking through all available means to find out facts which would enable it to advise the convention with full knowledge. In its report, however, the board recommended deferring of action in each case.

The eighty-second general convention met in the Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, Colorado, on September 6, 1921, Roger H. Wolcott, Yale, '05, being chosen president. General Secretary Bruce, in his report, called attention to the matters which had been under discussion in his relationships with district chiefs and individual chapters. These included: a plan to secure the same record of financial integrity in the case of each chapter and each member that had become proverbial in national fraternity accounting; the entire abolition of "horse play" as a feature in initiations; the proper exam-

ination of pledges on questions of fraternity history, law and policy; increased efficiency in rushing; adherence to the long-established principle of unanimous vote for the admission of new members, in spite of difficulties attending the constantly increasing size of chapters; improvement in district reunions; support of the propositions favored by the national interfraternity conference. General Treasurer Gavin reported a cash balance of \$19,586.57, again using the words, "the largest balance in the general fund in the history of the fraternity." He also reported \$31,007.20 in the Baird Fund. The total membership of the fraternity was placed at 26,229 by the Keeper of the Rolls. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, was re-elected president and John R. Simpson, Miami, '99, re-elected trustee.

The convention committee reports again, as in recent years, were notable. Among them was one, largely the work of District Chief Dunlap C. Clark, Chicago, '17, on standardization of examination questions. By convention vote this was ordered printed for the use of chapters and practically became the official guide on that subject. A report on scholarship by District Chief Clarence I. Spellman, Kansas, '97, made a marked impression by its specific criticisms and constructive suggestions. District Chief Dexter J. Tight, Denison, '12, presented, in connection with the report from the committee on chapter finances, a plan for a loan or trust fund to be used in aiding needy members through a college year by short term loans. District Chief Delos J. Needham, University of Washington, '09, in a report on chapter rushing, provided a valuable outline of things to be stressed in seeking to influence desirable students to become pledges. The committee on charters, while lending some encouragement to some of the six petitioning groups, recommended unfavorable action by the convention, except in the case of the Kappa Theta Rho society at Oregon Agricultural College for which a charter with certain restrictions was proposed. Neither this group, nor others whose friends sought support in the convention, received a charter.

Nature and man, working together, have made Estes Park a most beautiful place. Majestic mountains, snow-capped, long, lingering shadows, stretching far, colorful effects of field and forest, meandering streams, slightly caravansaries with spacious porticos, nestling bungalows close to the foothills, the determination and the outlays of a pioneer builder—they were all in the picture. The Stanley Hotel was an exceptionally fine place for a convention. The public rooms were spacious and well-arranged. The gracious officials sought to please, and the result was that everybody was satisfied. In moments of rest there was a comfort and a charm just to sit out on the veranda and feast the eyes with the wondrous panorama which spread on the other side of the valley along the serrated mountain range.

A special train on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, personally conducted by Mr. R. D. Faus, a representative of the company, carried delegates from Chicago and the East to Lyons, Colorado, twenty-five miles from Estes Park. It was the second cross-continent train the fraternity had sent out in six years. There were nine cars, an all-Pullman train. Those who left Chicago upon it numbered 120 and others were picked up at Omaha, Denver and Longmont. Conductor, steward, waiters and porters had been selected with care, and the highest type of service was a consequence. For two nights and a day and a half the Beta company was together and many new life friendships were cemented. After the convention was over a number of parties were organized for sightseeing among the Colorado mountains and canyons.



THE TRUSTEES AND DISTRICT CHIEFS
The administrative staff of the Fraternity at Estes Park, 1921.

The Colorado Betas left no stone unturned to make the convention a success. A large committee, headed by Clyde O. Epperson, Colorado, '05, met once a week all summer to perfect plans. The 435 members of the fraternity who registered in the red convention book all recognized the great obligation to this committee whose arrangements, covering transportation, convention hall, smoker, dance, banquet, and the comfort of delegates and visitors, lacked nothing of the ideal.

At the convention due recognition was given to the services of Olin R. Brouse, De Pauw, '66, who died in Rockford, Illinois, August 20, 1921. A former editor of *Beta Theta Pi*, General Treasurer for a year, and member of the board of directors for six years, he maintained his unusual interest in the fraternity until his death. He was preceded to the grave by James A. Burhans, De Pauw, '75, at one time catalogue agent of Beta Theta Pi. Each had won international influence as a worker in the Sunday school cause.

On Thursday, October 20, 1921, an automobile accident took the lives of four members of the Lambda Rho chapter and brought severe injury to a fifth. They were on the way from Chicago to Princeton, New Jersey, to attend a football game. Near Watseka, Illinois, their car was overturned on the railroad bank while an attempt was made to avoid a heavy freight train suddenly bearing down upon them. Walter Reckless, '21, of Chicago, was badly injured; the other four were killed, Herschel Hopkins, '24, of Granville, Ohio (initiated at Denison), Stanwood Johnstone, '22, of Minneapolis, Minnesota (initiated at Minnesota), Thomas Monilaw, '24, of Chicago, and Harold M. Skinner, '24, of Oak Park, Illinois. The tragedy enshrouded the entire university with gloom.

The Knox chapter occupied its new home adjoining the college campus at the opening of the year, the formal dedication occurring October 22, 1921. Built specially for fraternity purposes and fitting into a general college development plan, it provided satisfactorily for the chapter's needs.

By the will of Clinton Kirby Banning, Cincinnati, '03, the Founders' Fund of Beta Theta Pi received a legacy of \$500, the same amount being left by the testator to Beta Nu chapter.

The Southern California Alumni Association, with headquarters at Los Angeles, established a scholarship fund, to be used as a revolving fund for aiding worthy Betas from Southern California who might need financial assistance in order to remain in college. Qualifications were determined to be, (a) character, 40 per cent; (b) scholarship, 20 per cent; (c) college activities, 20 per cent, and (d) accomplishment for the fraternity, 20 per cent. Not more than \$500 in a given year was to be loaned to an individual, loans to be secured by personal notes bearing 4 per cent interest, and all to be paid back within five years after graduation.

Former District Chief Clarence J. Rosebery, Illinois, '95, edited a forty-four page booklet, "The Service Record of Sigma Rho (University of Illinois) of Beta Theta Pi in the World War." It was an attractive publication, dedicated to the memory of Lieutenant John C. Lee, '13, and containing the names of 141 members.

The fifteenth edition of the song book of Beta Theta Pi was published by a committee of the board of trustees consisting of Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82; Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98, and James L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96. It contained a number of new songs and was a volume of 172 pages of the same size used in previous editions.

An inquiry made by a delegate at the convention of 1920 brought out the fact that the board of trustees, being fully convinced of the difficulties connected with a just award of a trophy in a fraternity containing so large a number of chapters in institutions of such differing character, had returned the Sisson cup to its donor who was made fully aware of the situation and acquiesced in the decision of the board. In the two years following, the board studied the proposition of a fraternity honor roll with great care, giving full consideration to the opinion of advocates of such a national recognition of distinction. No selections for such a roll were made in 1921 or 1922, and the board recommended to the convention of 1922 that the plan be abandoned, stating as its reason: The basis of selection is more or less intangible; the conditions existent in widely scattered institutions are so different, that the difficulty of a fair selection is extreme.

The eighty-third general convention met in the West Baden Springs Hotel, West Baden, Indiana, on September 5, 1922, H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, being chosen president. The General Treasurer reported that he had collected annual dues from 2,646 active members; that there was a cash balance in the bank of \$11,634.35; that the Baird Fund contained \$54,100 in bonds, par value, these having cost the fraternity \$47,329.22. The Keeper of the Rolls placed the total membership at 27,051. Charters were granted to the Delta Sigma local society of the University of North Dakota and the Delta Sigma society of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College; but the petition of the Kappa Delta Chi local society at James Millikin University was refused. James L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96, was re-elected General Treasurer and Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, trustee. The notable committee report of the convention was that on scholarship, presented by District Chief Harold J. Baily, Amherst, '08.

The growing discontent with the amount of time required at conventions for consideration of claims of petitioning bodies found expression in the adoption of a new law providing that no petition be submitted to a convention unless a majority of the board of trustees favored such submission and the chapters were notified of it three months in advance of the convention.

The sentiment upon another subject, which had been discussed by college faculty members, in the national interfraternity conference, by the officials of Beta Theta Pi, and by the individual chapters, was reflected in a new law which declared:

"All initiation ceremonies into Beta Theta Pi shall be limited by the respective chapters of the fraternity to reasonable probationary measures not materially interfering with a candidate's study or class hours, and not in excess of one week's duration; to the traditional Wooglin ceremony; and to the fraternity examinations and the ritual of Beta Theta Pi, all given on days other than Sunday, within the chapter house or hall; and all horse play and all probationary measures except as above mentioned, are hereby forbidden; provided, however, that any prevailing initiation practices conflicting with the express provisions hereof may be continued with the consent of the board of trustees."

The weather was hot at West Baden, but, aside from that, the hotel was ideal for convention purposes. The management provided everything possible to secure the comfort and contentment of the delegates. The spacious hotel office afforded room for many interested groups. The restful atrium, with its colorful effects of old rose and green and the play of the changing lights in the evening, lingered long in memory. The beautiful park outside,



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the charms of sunken gardens, the gleam of globes of light, the touch of sentiment which nature gave through its fine September moon, all combined to make the week a happy one. There was an abundance of melody as the hours were sped with joyous song. There were the delights of dancing in the center of the great hall as the shifting lights chased the shadows from one side of the roomy circle to the other. There were horse-back rides and golf for the devotees of those sports. There were healing springs for those who wished to take the waters. The general spirit was excellent, and out from West Baden went forth a strong determination in the minds of the delegates to push Beta Theta Pi still further forward during the new college year.

Gamma Kappa chapter at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, was formally instituted on November 16, 1922, by Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95. On January 5, 6 and 7, 1923, the same official representative of the board of trustees introduced to the fraternity Gamma Lambda chapter at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Oklahoma. In each instance the ceremonials were impressive and the new chapter entered Beta Theta Pi with enthusiasm and zeal.

November was marked by the occupation of three new houses. On November 17, 1922, the new Colgate house was formally dedicated, almost eighteen months to a day after the former chapter house had been destroyed by fire. The next day, November 18, the Syracuse chapter had its house-warming, consecrating its spacious building to Beta Theta Pi, including the Velasco chapter hall, named in memory of William Cady Velasco, '16. In the same month, the University of Washington chapter entered one of the most attractive houses yet built in the name of the fraternity. These three permanent homes, of varying type of architecture but each admirably suited to its purpose, added materially to the rapidly increasing real-estate values of the fraternity.

The Idaho chapter added to its Thanksgiving Day dinner a pleasing feature. Beta mothers were called on the telephone and asked to listen while the chapter sang, "O She Wears my Beta Pin." During the following two days special delivery letters to the chapter brought expressions of appreciation and reports that the song had been heard clearly, in one or two cases over a distance of five hundred miles. The misfortunes of chapter life at Moscow were intertwined with the joys, for, on December 4, 1922, a fire in the chapter house, happily checked in time, brought a loss of about one thousand dollars.

The dining habit which had been rather quiescent in late years again asserted itself during 1922-23. There were great gatherings of alumni and active members all over the country. At installation of new chapters, at district reunions, at annual dinners, the outpouring was notable. On January 26, 1923, at San Francisco, 150 met. At Portland 155 gathered to witness the initiation of the Oregon chapter, the new official robes being worn. The honor banquet at St. Louis brought out 134 on February 20. At Cleveland forty chapters were represented at a great dinner, many of whose attendants were delegates and visitors to a meeting of the National Education Association. The New England "Dorg" on March 2 was enjoyed by 241 members of the fraternity, and even that large number was passed on April 25 in New York City, where 250 sang the songs of Beta Theta Pi.

A special celebration of note was at Lawrence, Kansas, on February 22, 23 and 24, 1923, when Alpha Nu chapter commemorated its establishment fifty years before. It was a highly successful reunion, 150 Betas being present at the banquet attending it, and many alumni returning to the chapter house after years of separation from college and fraternity joys.

A similar meeting was held in Evanston, Illinois, during commencement week, marking the semi-centennial of Rho chapter at Northwestern University. On June 15 three oaks were planted in the chapter house yard, one for each chapter founder, Darwin H. Cheney, Henry S. Boutell and Irving Queal. There was a reunion chapter meeting followed by an initiation. On June 16 the anniversary banquet was held, with appropriate addresses, the presence of Founder Boutell adding greatly to the impressiveness of the occasion.

During the summer the Chicago Beta Club purchased a comfortable mansion on the North Side of the city, with the dominant idea of making provision for younger members of the fraternity coming to Chicago at rates more reasonable than those of the average hotel or boarding house. Such a meeting place and center of social activity for the Chicago (Alpha) Alumni Association had long been desired.

During the year the board of trustees had prepared, through the effective co-operation of George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, a series of photographs of drawings showing official robes and other accompaniments of effective ritual presentation. In its convention report the board said:

"The board expresses once again its recognition of the important services of Major Chandler during the many years in which he has labored for Beta Theta Pi in the direction of the elimination of the crude and inartistic from the symbolism and the ceremonials of the fraternity and the substitution therefor of perfected and pleasing emblems and vestments. By his latest effort he has increased the obligation due him for standard badge, pledge button, shingle and flag, for the standard chapter hall and furniture, and for heraldically correct fraternity arms."

During the year the General Secretary was instructed to urge upon the chapters the desirability of holding, on the Saturday following February 7 of each year, dinners and reunions for the active and alumni members of the fraternity. The board's convention report said of this instruction:

"The board is of the opinion that the commemoration of Pater Knox Day should be encouraged, with the end in view of having, in the mid-winter season for reunion dinners, a memorial occasion which shall fitly bring together, in chapter houses, in alumni associations, in cities, in university graduate circles, on the mainland and in the islands of the sea, wherever they may be dispersed around the globe, those who love Beta Theta Pi and have been found worthy to wear its badge and bear its name. With the co-operation of active chapters and alumni associations it need not be long until, on the same evening, the world around, the "Beta Legion" shall be "singing again in the dear old hall" and toasting "Pater Knox and the Boys of '39."

The eighty-fourth general convention was held in the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on July 3, 1923, J. Harold Ryan, Yale, '08, being elected its president. Keeper of the Rolls Brown reported the total membership of the fraternity to be 28,034. General Treasurer Gavin stated that he had collected dues from 2,684 active members and that, with all bills paid and all accounts collected, he had a cash balance on hand of \$21,629.53, again characterized as "the largest cash balance in the history of the fraternity." General Secretary George Howard Bruce, Centre, '99, was re-elected and District Chief H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, was chosen trustee. A charter was granted to the Kappa Theta Rho local society

of Oregon Agricultural College. A second notable report on scholarship was presented by District Chief Harold J. Baily, Amherst, '08. Other exceptionally valuable reports were those on rushing by District Chief A. J. Gustin Priest, Idaho, '18, and on finance by District Chief Edward A. Adams, Iowa, '16, the latter showing the assets of the fraternity in chapter houses at approximately \$1,700,000. A complete revision of the code of laws was adopted.

Independence Day was recognized by the convention in a special service in charge of Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, president of the fraternity. After prayer by the Reverend George W. Switzer, De Pauw, '81, short addresses were made by District Chief Charles I. Francis, Texas, '15, representing the South; by District Chief H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, representing the North and East, and by the Toronto delegate, representing the Motherland. All standing then subscribed to an American creed.

George B. Galloway, Wesleyan '20, attending his first convention, gave his impressions of the attractiveness of White Sulphur Springs as follows:

"Set in a saucer of surrounding Blue Ridges at an elevation of 2,000 feet above sea level, with nature running rampant through a thousand wooded trails, flowered gardens and squirreled groves, the great natural charm of White Sulphur Springs makes its appeal to the stranger as a most appropriate and attractive place for a convention. Entering the gates of America's health-giving resort, the visitor is greeted by broad, shaded, greenswards leading to the Greenbrier, which, with the 'old White,' has been the retreat of society and statesmen since colonial days. Its commodious lounges, splendid accommodations and facilities for recreation, including a sporty golf course, tennis courts, swimming pool and bridle paths, combine to impress the newcomer with the wisdom of its selection as the scene of a Beta convention. Two annual meetings in fact have previously been held here, the fifty-seventh general convention in 1896 and the seventy-ninth in 1918."

In his annual report, General Secretary Bruce called attention to the development of a new factor in administration, in the form of the conference of chapter presidents within the districts. He said:

"I believe that the internal organization of the chapters has improved, though conditions in some chapters indicate either that the chapter has no leader or else that there is no desire on the part of the members to establish and maintain a good organization. To attain our goal chapters must be organized and administered on a good business basis. There must be as distinct pride in efficiency of administration as in winning college honors. This improvement in internal organization is due, I believe, in a large measure to the conference of the presidents. These meetings have received the unanimous approval of chiefs and presidents. Almost without exception each chief called together his presidents early last fall. There was a very thorough discussion of the problems confronting each chapter within the district. Suggestions were made. Plans were formulated. Programmes were prepared for each chapter, which were carried out honestly and effectively by many chapters. The conference of presidents adds dignity to the office of president. It places responsibility where responsibility rightfully belongs. Each president is given the opportunity to be a real leader, supported by his fellow presidents and upheld by the general fraternity. I trust the presidents, and I have no doubt there are many here as delegates, since the custom of sending the president of the chapter is growing more popular each year, will look forward with eagerness to the meetings next fall, and that, during the summer, they will give thoughtful attention to ways and means of improving not only their own chapters but the chapters in their districts as well."

Gamma Mu chapter at Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, was formally instituted on December 7, 8 and 9, 1923, by Assistant General Secretary Frank G. Ensign, Beloit, '00, aided by District Chiefs Merle R. Chessman, Oregon, '09, and A. J. Gustin Priest, Idaho, '18. The examination of the neophytes, the instruction of the pledges of the local Kappa Theta

Rho, the initiation ceremony, the installation of officers of the new chapter, were each attended by earnestness and enthusiasm. The banquet attracted over 120, including Gamma Mu's pledges, and was the climactic feature of the ceremonials. It was followed by the first Beta serenade of sorority houses and girls' dormitories. On Sunday morning the Reverend William A. Spalding, Monmouth, '76, who had performed the same service at the installation of the Washington State chapter when he was pastor at Pullman Washington, came from his church at Albany, Oregon, to preach an inspirational sermon on fraternity idealism. Arthur Kirkham of the new chapter was the soloist at the church exercises. A pleasing indication of the new spirit among college fraternities was the action of the Kappa Sigma chapter in turning over its house to the new Beta chapter during the three



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days of celebration, they themselves sharing the hospitality of their brothers at the University of Oregon, at Eugene, thirty miles away, during this period of temporary homelessness.

Completion of reconstruction of the house of the Pennsylvania chapter was recognized by a housewarming on November 28, 1923. The Iowa State and Washington chapters began work on new houses. In the latter case the chapter co-operated with the university in a carefully matured plan for a fraternity row on the campus, making its first payment on the fifty-sixth anniversary of its establishment, April 1, 1924, and having as speaker of the occasion Judge Shepard Barclay, Virginia, '69, who was largely instrumental in securing the chapter's original charter.

With a three days' program, on May 29, 30 and 31, 1924, the Dickinson chapter commemorated its establishment of fifty years before, an alumni smoker being held on the first day and a banquet on the third with a Sunday morning service at the end.

Alumni of the Tri-City Association, including Davenport, Iowa, Rock Island and Moline, Illinois, at their annual banquet contributed \$150 to the Founders' Fund of Beta Theta Pi under a plan for a continuance of such contributions in succeeding years until a substantial amount in that fund should stand to their credit.

The appointment of G. Atwood Manley, St. Lawrence, '16, as District

Chief of the same district which his father, Williston Manley, St. Lawrence, '88, once served in the same capacity, was noted as the first instance of father-son chiefship of a district.

The new Chicago club house proved its value as a social center for fraternity gatherings, the largest meeting of the year being the Christmas homecoming when over 200 were present. The Indiana reunion was a notably successful occasion, and there were large dinners in several cities, 100 attending in Kansas City.

Low scholarship standing of the members of the Texas chapter, which, under the strict eligibility rules of the university, prevented the initiation of new members, led to serious internal difficulties, financial and otherwise, so that the board of trustees appointed a special committee of alumni of the



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chapter, Charles I. Francis, '15, Mike S. Hogg, '11, and J. Ben Critz, '17, to make a thorough inquiry into conditions. They attacked the problem with earnestness and were able to report distinct progress before the close of the college year.

The eighty-fifth general convention met at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Michigan, beginning its sessions on September 4, 1924. In accordance with a suggestion made at the 1923 convention by Thomas D. Jones, Virginia, '23, officers of the convention were chosen from the undergraduates, Elmer L. Lindseth, Miami, '23, Case, '25, being elected president and Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25, secretary. For the first time in fifty-eight years the sessions were presided over by an undergraduate, the committees also being headed by delegates from the chapters. In spite of the exceptional ability of the president, the experiment was not a success either in the minds of the undergraduates or of the fraternity's officials. Keeper

of the Rolls Brown reported the total membership of the fraternity to be 29,000. He recalled that the total in 1898, after fifty-nine years of life, was 10,000, so that 19,000 members had been admitted in the last twenty-six years. General Treasurer Gavin told of a cash balance in the general fund of \$22,919.51 and stated that the annual dues had been collected from 2,732 individuals. He reported the Baird Fund to contain \$63,725.08, a gain during the year of \$10,750, and the Founders' Fund to contain a net \$62,000. No charters were granted, the petitions of the Omega Phi local society of Southern Methodist University and of the Alpha Delta Alpha local society of the University of Montana being rejected. The board of trustees reported that, during the year, it had discouraged groups at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Albion College, the Universities of Arizona, Arkansas, Florida and Tennessee, and Utah Agricultural College. Excellent reports were received from the committees on scholarship, chapter finance and initiation. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, was re-elected president and Frank G. Ensign, Beloit, '00, was chosen trustee. On the resignation as trustee of Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, District Chief John A. Blair, Wabash, '93, was elected to fill out his unexpired term.

The convention received a third report on expansion, presented on behalf of the committee by George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98. Its opening paragraphs, in condensed summary, stated:

"The Detroit Convention of 1912 at the instance of William Raimond Baird directed that the problem of expansion in Beta Theta Pi be thoroughly studied and a report rendered to the next convention. The Nantasket Convention listened to this report which had been prepared by William A. Hamilton, Francis W. Shepardson, and George M. Chandler. It was well received in the Fraternity. Officers of other fraternities asked for copies. It was considered able and far-seeing.

At the 1916 spring meeting of the Board of Trustees Francis W. Shepardson and George M. Chandler were requested to restudy their earlier work. This they did and the Saratoga Convention of 1916 received a carefully revised ten-page report of the problem as it appeared at that time.

The 1923 White Sulphur Springs Convention ordered the situation reviewed once more and directed Francis W. Shepardson, George M. Chandler and George Howard Bruce to prepare a report which is presented to the Mackinac Island Convention of 1924.

At the time of the 1913 report there were seventy-three chapters in Beta Theta Pi. In the interval between the first and 1916 reports six new chapters—Massachusetts Tech, Utah, Idaho, Colorado College, Kansas State, and Whitman—were added; one old inactive chapter—Williams—revived; and three charters—Iowa Wesleyan, Wooster, and Boston—were withdrawn; leaving the fraternity with seventy-seven chapters when the second report was made.

"Since the 1916 report six new chapters—Georgia Tech, Washington State, Carnegie, North Dakota, Oklahoma State, and Oregon State—have been added; and one old inactive chapter—Washington and Lee—revived; making a total of eighty-four chapters in the fraternity in 1924."

The principle underlying each of the three surveys was indicated to be as follows:

"The report of 1913 was made with the following in mind: "A study of educational development in America with a view of laying out a comprehensive scheme of expansion which would keep the chapter roll abreast of the times and which would by 1950 enable the fraternity to occupy practically all of the colleges of the country which might be worth occupying."

The report of 1916 contained the following: "In the report of 1913 it was laid down as axiomatic that Beta Theta Pi being a national fraternity it proposed to occupy all of the important colleges in America. If the reader took the word 'important' to mean worthy or first-class from an educational standpoint that statement must be modified for it is very evident that without the enlargement of our chapter roll to a

size which would be literally dangerous to the closeness of our fraternal bond we cannot hope to occupy all of the increasing number of what may be termed and recognized as 'good colleges' in this country. Nor to be a truly national fraternity is it at all necessary to do so."

"This report of 1924 is made with the latter principle clearly in mind. There are many good colleges and universities in America where we have no chapters and might go; there are a number where many Betas would like to see us go; but there are surprisingly few institutions where we must go. Our chapter roll nears completion; a very few gaps filled and it will suffice."

The closing paragraphs of the report, which covered the continent in its careful conclusions, proposed an entire change in the methods of procedure in relation to petitioning bodies:

"As a basic method of fraternity growth our present system of expansion by receiving petitions from non-Beta local societies, broadly speaking, is fundamentally wrong, for it means that the petitions come from any institution and from any group of men. Our old system of dispensations is the only sound method; for by that procedure the fraternity first selected the college in which we desired a chapter, granted the dispensation to initiate students in that college to the nearest Beta chapter and so kept the selection and development of the prospective chapter in Beta hands. Thus the fraternity and not chance determined where and when we should expand, and thus the new chapter was a Beta chapter from its inception—it had been properly taught and had nothing to unlearn.

It is the opinion of this committee that after the first day of January, 1925, in all expansion of Beta Theta Pi the fraternity rather than petitioners shall take the initiative both as to time and place of establishing any new chapters."

Anticipating a little, a paragraph from the report of the committee on charters of the eighty-sixth general convention is inserted at this point:

"As no petitions have been presented to this convention, your committee has no report to submit. It desires, however, to make an interpretation. It finds that considerable uncertainty exists as to the intention of the eighty-fifth general convention regarding the policy to be followed in any future charter grants, as incorporated in the last paragraph of the report of the committee on expansion, and in the second recommendation of the committee on constitution and jurisprudence. Your committee finds that by the word "fraternity" in the paragraph referred to is meant the board of trustees. The procedure in granting charters remains unchanged."

The recommendation of the committee on constitution and jurisprudence referred to took the form of a resolution rather than a law, in the following words:

"Be it resolved that the board of trustees be requested not to present any voluntary petitions for the establishment of new chapters of Beta Theta Pi to any general convention from and after the first day of January, 1925, but that further expansion of the fraternity, if any, be made as provided in the report of the special committee appointed by the 84th general convention and filed as a part of the records of the eighty-fifth general convention on the sixth day of September, 1924."

The college year 1924-25 was one of steady development, as the chapters strove to put into operation the helpful suggestions of recent conventions. Meetings of the chapter presidents and district reunions were attended by much earnest work.

The sixteenth edition of the song book was published early in 1925, a sixteen-page supplement containing a number of new songs being added to unbound sheets of the 1922 book.

On February 11, 1925, the chapter house at Wisconsin was destroyed by a midnight fire. The loss of the home in this manner spurred to greater activity those who had been planning for a new building of modern construction.

The fraternity suffered a great loss on February 26, in the death of Kenneth Whitney Rogers, Syracuse, '17. A gifted musician, he had contributed several songs, which had caught the fancy of Betas everywhere, his "Marching Along in Beta Theta Pi" gaining immediate favor. He had been an active agent in promoting the new house of the Syracuse chapter. His interest in the welfare of the fraternity was active and unremitting.

On April 3, 1925, Alpha Iota chapter at St. Louis had its housewarming party, celebrating the completion of the first of the chapter houses in the new fraternity row at Washington. A special guest of honor was one of the charter members of the chapter, the Honorable David R. Francis, '70.

James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, published a revised edition of "Members of Beta Theta Pi in New York." It was an attractive book of 144 pages, showing members from eighty-three chapters of the fraternity living in the city and its suburbs. Another valuable publication was a "Catalogue of the Indiana Chapter," a carefully prepared pamphlet of forty-eight pages issued by Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25.

The eighty-sixth general convention was held at the Bigwin Inn on Bigwin Island, Lake of Bays, Ontario, Canada, the sessions opening on September 1, 1925. John A. Blair, Wabash, '93, was chosen president. Two features of the personnel of the convention attracted much attention. It was found that forty-six of the eighty-four chapters were represented by their presidents. In a special photograph of delegates and visitors there were fifty-five individuals who were six feet tall or over. The General Treasurer's usual report of financial soundness showed a cash balance on hand of \$26,075.33, again "the largest in the history of the fraternity." As indicating the increased cost of administration of a nation-wide organization like Beta Theta Pi, he called attention to the expenses of the year aggregating \$23,453.91. Dues were collected from 2,801 active members. Keeper of the Rolls Brown reported the total membership to be 29,965. No petitions for charters were presented. As in recent years the committee reports were exceptionally well prepared, some of them being notable contributions. Among these were those on scholarship, by District Chief Harold J. Baily, Amherst, '08; on initiations, by District Chief Clifford C. Gregg, Cincinnati, '17; on rushing, by Thomas S. Barclay, Missouri, '15; on Beta lore, by District Chief W. D. McClure, Minnesota, '20, and on chapter finance, by District Chief Edward A. Adams, Iowa, '16. This last report included a tabulation which showed the financial report of each chapter as of August 15, 1925, only Centre, Georgia Technology and Wesleyan chapters having failed to furnish the needed information to make it a complete showing for Beta Theta Pi. It was the first detailed statement of the kind ever presented to a Beta convention. Another report of exceptional distinction was one on city chapters and their special problems, by Trustee John A. Blair. The convention appointed committees to investigate and report on conditions in the Columbia and Miami chapters. An interesting point was raised by the suspension by the Virginia chapter of one of its members for a period of five years, the ordinary term of undergraduate membership being but four years. District Chief A. J. Gustin Priest, Idaho, '18, presented a revision of the pamphlet originally prepared by District Chief Clarence I. Spellman, Kansas, '99, on topics to be discussed at district reunions, and District Chief Gordon S. Smyth, Pennsylvania, '18, reported a program for the conference of chapter presidents, with a statement of the purpose of

such conference. General Treasurer Gavin and Trustee Blair whose official terms expired were re-elected.

Three important bits of legislation were enacted for further strengthening the administration of the fraternity. One gave greater recognition to three members of the board of trustees:

"The board of trustees shall be authorized to select from its membership persons not otherwise designated as general officers to serve as vice-presidents of the fraternity with duties to be assigned by the board."

A second sought to bring into closer relationship with successive administrations of the fraternity those who, in previous years, had been leaders, the recommendation of the board of trustees being:

"The board recommends to the convention that there be added to the directory of the fraternity as published in the magazine an Advisory Council, Consilium Seniorum or Boule Geronton, this body to be composed of all living past general officers and trustees, the object being to familiarize the members with the names of these workers of old; to keep them in closer relationship with the fraternity; and to give to the fraternity administration the benefit of their counsel and advice."

This recommendation was adopted by the convention, the English form of designation, Advisory Council, being favored over the Latin or Greek.

The third enactment provided for additional revenue in order that certain desired objects might be attained by the fraternity. It established an initiation fee into the fraternity, entirely distinct from any such fee charged by the individual chapters:

"The membership fee payable by each initiate shall be ten dollars. It shall be payable immediately upon the initiation of each member. Each chapter shall be held responsible for the payment of the membership fee of each of its initiates. Upon receipt of such membership fee the General Treasurer shall furnish to each new member the standard shingle, the song book, and the handbook of the fraternity."

The constructive work of the convention was so great that every delegate and visitor felt the force of the words of President Blair, as he declared the adjournment:

"Brothers, we have written history; and in the years to come each of you will look back with pride upon the part you have played in the 86th convention."

The beauty of the natural surroundings of the convention made a deep impression upon all. In a magazine article on "Convention Impressions," District Chief Atwood Manley, St. Lawrence, '16, wrote:

"As the crow flies, it is about one hundred and fifty miles due north of Toronto to the Lake of Bays, rightly named, one or more of those thousand or more glistening bodies of water that jewel the vast expanse of forest wilderness in the northern part of the province of Ontario, Canada. That whole section of the province is called the Algonquin Forest Park, one of Canada's wonderful outdoor playgrounds. Nestling in the Lake of Bays lies an island, once the haunt of the Algonquin Indians, who in those aboriginal days invaded this section and drove the peaceful Hurons southward. The island takes its name after an Algonquin chieftain, Bigwin. Where once the redskin pitched his teepee two hundred sons of Wooglin gathered the first week of September. . . . The Inn, with its splendid group of buildings, its refined and healthy surroundings, its smooth tennis courts, bowling greens, tricky golf course, wooded footpaths, 60-foot stone lookout tower, swimming, sailing, canoeing and boating, welcomed Beta's clan with open arms. Every evening the large rotunda echoed with Beta songs and the other guests gathered to enjoy them."

The college year which followed was one marked by notable improvements in the physical equipment of the fraternity. New chapter houses of varying styles of architecture but each of splendid construction and ad-

mirably adapted to its purpose were occupied by the Hanover, Idaho, Iowa State, Lehigh, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Wisconsin chapters. The Kansas chapter found its remodeled and enlarged house far better arranged for its uses. The North Carolina and Ohio chapters purchased homes.

On Friday evening, February 26, 1926, the Chicago (Alpha) Alumni association gave a notable banquet in honor of President Francis W. Shephardson, Denison, '82, Brown, '83; 230 members of the fraternity representing 52 chapters being present. Former Presidents W. A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, and John Calvin Hanna, Wooster, '81, General Treasurer James



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L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96, and General Secretary George H. Bruce, Centre, '99, were among the speakers. After the speeches \$235 was subscribed to the Baird Fund or the Founders' Fund, the latter being enriched also by \$110, balance in the treasury of the banquet committee, a joint gift of the Alpha alumni and the Beta Theta Pi Club of Chicago.

The St. Lawrence chapter, moving its house across the campus to a new site and renovating it completely, had added to it a beautiful temple, the joint gift of Mrs. Anna Abbott, widow of V. P. Abbott and mother of Worth P. Abbott and Hugh Abbott, all three St. Lawrence Betas, and of Owen D. Young, St. Lawrence, '94, and his wife. This two-storied stone structure was built as a memorial to the three Beta members of the Abbott family and to John Young, St. Lawrence, '24, Mr. Owen Young's son. In architectural design the temple is of the simple, dignified, beautiful Gothic type, harmonious in spirit with the purpose to which it is dedicated. The exterior walls are of Indiana limestone; the roof is of special construction with a lead covering. The massive front door, the two stately ornamental pedestal lamps at each side of the door, the small window frames and the metal grille within and without are all of bronze, the craftsmanship of the Tiffany studios of New York. What is true of the bronze work is duplicated in every respect throughout the entire structure, a perfection of workmanship and a completeness in design that leaves nothing wanting. This

temple marked the realization of dreams, almost as old as the fraternity itself, that Beta Theta Pi some day might have a temple, a veritable shrine of noble youth. The realization, indeed, was beyond the most sanguine hope of any wide-visioned seer of old; a beautiful temple of classic design, severe in its lines, chaste in its appealing grace, satisfying in its indescribable charm, exalting in its quiet dignity. It was formally dedicated on Saturday, March 6, 1926, members of the board of trustees of the fraternity participating in the ceremonies, which included a smoker to all fraternity men in college, a dedicatory service, an initiation and a banquet. Professor Charles Kelsey Gaines, '76, contributed to the occasion an interesting historical interpretation of the interrelation of the chapter and the college.



THE ST. LAWRENCE BETA TEMPLE

The beautiful Abbott-Young Memorial at Canton, New York, as it is seen from the central college building.

During the year a former General Secretary, Amandus N. Grant, De Pauw, '74, died, as did William D. Turner, Bethany, '95, one of the ten contributors to establish the Founders' Fund. This fund was proposed by William Raimond Baird at the Saratoga Springs convention of 1916, when he offered to be one of ten to give a thousand dollars toward it. His offer was at once seconded by Stratford L. Morton, Washington, '10. The canvass for other subscribers, somewhat delayed by the World War, went on quietly. Mrs. Baird expressed her desire to be represented by a subscription. The convention of 1921 at Estes Park voted \$1,000 toward the fund from the general balance of the treasury, indicating that this should be in honor of President Shepardson. Other subscriptions were made by interested



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members, some of them memorial in character, "the ten" being completed as follows:

William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78.

Jennie Mansfield Baird.

Stratford Lee Morton, Washington, '10.

John Edward Good, Kenyon, '84 (in memory of Charles Edward

Schweyer, Amherst, '91).

Alonzo Mitchell Snyder, Kenyon, '85.

John Roy Simpson, Miami, '99.

Mortimer Leo Schiff, Amherst, '96.

William Dowler Turner, Bethany, '95 (in memory of Robert Hamilton

Devine, Bethany, '84).

James Reed Lane, Iowa, '11.

Francis Wayland Shepardson, Denison, '82 (in his honor).

Interpreting the attitude of recent conventions as a clear expression of desire that the annual meeting of the chapters be kept free from petitioning bodies, and wishing to respect the opinion of the earnest and enthusiastic members of the fraternity who supported the claims of the Omega Phi society of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, the board of trustees by unanimous vote selected this institution and group as worthy of a charter from Beta Theta Pi. Utilizing an alternate method of voting under certain conditions, provided by the constitution of the fraternity, the petition was submitted to the chapters for mail vote. The opposition to it, however, made so energetic a fight against it that it failed to receive the constitutional majority for a charter grant.

The eighty-seventh general convention met at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, opening its sessions on June 29, 1926. Stratford L. Morton, Washington, '10, was elected president. Amid enthusiastic applause, General Treasurer Gavin, De Pauw, '96, reported that, in spite of the addition of the initiation fee of \$10, by the last convention, to the dues of each new member, the eighty-four chapters of the fraternity had kept the faith by adding one year more to the unequalled record of financial achievement; that, in spite of the early closing of the books required by a June convention, he had collected annual dues from 2,847 active members, and that, with all bills paid and all dues collected, there was a balance in the general fund of \$35,165.32, again "the largest cash balance in the history of the fraternity." He also reported \$86,671 in the Baird Fund and \$61,440.92 in the Founders' Fund. The Keeper of the Rolls reported the total membership to be 30,881. A charter was granted to the Alpha Pi local society of the University of California at Los Angeles. The various committee reports showed the internal affairs of the fraternity to be in most satisfactory condition. George H. Bruce, Centre, '99, after three terms as General Secretary during which he had proved himself an executive of high order, retired from service, being succeeded by District Chief Harold J. Baily, Amherst, '08. Stratford L. Morton, Washington, '10, was chosen trustee in place of H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, who also retired from active official relationships with the fraternity which had extended over many years.

In appreciation of the work done for the fraternity by the retiring



THE OFFICERS OF BETA THETA PI
Trustees and District Chiefs at White Sulphur Springs, 1926.

General Secretary, the board of trustees entered upon its records the following minute:

"With the Convention of 1926 General Secretary George Howard Bruce, Centre, '99, completed three full terms of notable service covering the memorable years beginning with 1917. In preparation for filling the important executive position he proved his ability by his untiring devotion to the duties of a District Chief. He won the support and co-operation of the chapters in the districts he administered in an unusual degree. He attracted the attention of fraternity leaders by the fine qualities of his personal character. In full measure he caught the vision of Beta Theta Pi, and as he interpreted it to those who came under his influence he gained their confidence, their esteem, and their affection. He brought to the position of General Secretary both business acumen and rich experience in teaching youth. He developed rare ability in selecting and inspiring his lieutenants, building up a body of District Chiefs of unusual strength and enthusiasm who sensed his own spirit and under his quiet and effective leadership transmitted it to their chapters. He entered upon his duties as the storm of war broke over the country. He kept in close touch with the chapters when they were disorganized, homeless, uncertain of the future. He encouraged them when the days of rehabilitation came. He watched the process of rebuilding, aiding in every possible way to place the chapters in normal position again. To his efficiency and skill as an administrator he added the fine qualities of a cultured gentleman, keeping his official relationships on a high plane of manly character and winning the affectionate regard of a legion of youth. He left the fraternity in far stronger position than it occupied when he undertook the responsibilities of his great executive office."

Gamma Nu chapter at the University of California in Los Angeles was formally instituted on December 30, 1926, by Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98, with the assistance of President Shepardson. It was an occasion of great interest to the alumni on the Pacific Coast, over 350 members of Beta Theta Pi assembling at the banquet in the Elks' Temple where, in



THE PURDUE CHAPTER HOUSE

The approach from the campus side showing the main entrance. On the river side four stories appear.

a notable initiation ceremony, seventy-two of the active and alumni members of the local Alpha Pi society were welcomed to a place in the fraternity.

On Saturday, January 15, 1927, Beta Omega chapter celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in its splendid home at the University of Washington. Many alumni, including some of the charter members, returned for the occasion which included an initiation and a largely attended banquet, in which alumni of other chapters living in Seattle shared.

On Saturday February 26, 1927, a similar reunion was held by Sigma Rho chapter at the University of Illinois, representatives from each college generation during a quarter of a century coming back to the chapter house at Champaign to rejoice over the achievements of the years. An initiation and a banquet were among the features.

On April 15, 1927, Shelby B. Schurtz, Michigan, '08, published privately a 36-page pamphlet, "Beta Theta Pi and the Michiganensian," a brief for



THE DICKINSON HOUSE

the correct listing in that publication of the University of Michigan chapter, the Lambda of Beta Theta Pi. It was filled with information of great historic value, and the investigations accompanying its preparation brought out many important facts regarding the inner life of the chapter, especially during the trying years following the treachery of its unworthy members in 1864, when the flame was kept burning on the altar in spite of many discouraging obstacles.

On April 9, 1927, there was a large gathering at the dedication and housewarming of the new chapter house of Beta Mu at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Planned by one of the members of the chapter, Charles W. Nicol '12, it made a notable addition to the substantial homes of Beta Theta Pi.

The commencement season of Denison University, Granville, Ohio, was marked by the formal dedication of a new home for Alpha Eta chapter on June 12, 1927. Utilizing several floor levels, as was the case with the Purdue house, the architect provided unusual features for a chapter house.

The Dickinson chapter, at the commencement gathering in Carlisle, Penn-

sylvania, rejoiced in the completion of an addition to its house, making it more serviceable.

On June 27, 1927, the alumni in Akron, Ohio, and vicinity had a successful reunion, quite a number of chapters being represented in an enthusiastic Beta summer gathering.

During the summer of 1927 the seventeenth edition of the song-book was published under the direction of a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees, consisting of Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98, and James L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96. It followed closely the lines of the book of 1922, several new songs being added and slight rearrangements being made.

During the summer, also, the Yale chapter completed its new chapter house, an artistic contribution of a splendid collegiate Gothic building to a group of fraternity homes built as part of the plans for the greater Yale.

The eighty-eighth general convention met at Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, Ontario, its first session opening on August 30, 1927 on the beautiful and restful island which had greatly appealed to the fraternity in 1925. Each of the eighty-five chapters was represented by a delegate and, with the members of the board of trustees present, seventeen of the twenty-three district chiefs and four members of the advisory committee, the assembly was a notable one. Frank G. Ensign, Beloit '00 was chosen president. General Treasurer Gavin's report showed that all obligations had been met and that there was a cash balance in the general fund of \$36,506.29, this, once more, the largest in the history of Beta Theta Pi. Attention was called to the year's income of \$38,132.66, which was larger than in any previous year, and to the operating expense, also the largest, of \$35,791.89. Dues were collected from 2,901 members and initiation fees from 1,047, both figures showing an increase over those for 1926. The Baird Fund passed the first hundred thousand mark, reached a total of \$101,079.44, and the Founders Fund was reported to contain \$66,943.99. The keeper of the rolls, James T. Brown, who was absent on account of illness, in his report showed a total membership in the fraternity of 31,889. General Secretary Baily's report emphasized scholarship, presenting some paragraphs from the 1926 year-book of the Inter-fraternity Conference. These showed that, in a group of all fraternities having over fifty chapters, Beta Theta Pi ranked second and only a small percentage behind the first, the position of the fraternity being better than in 1925, and the statement for 1927 so far as computed indicating no drop in standing. The board of trustees reported a pleasing illustration of increasing inter-fraternity comity in the form of the following two letters:

Chicago, June 6, 1927.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Box 254, Evanston, Ill.

GENTLEMEN:

The Beta Theta Pi fraternity, noting with great satisfaction the decision of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity to call its National House the Levere Memorial, in honor of its lately deceased great leader, William C. Levere, and heartily approving the ideals for which he so earnestly wrought during the years of his faithful service, begs the privilege of a life membership in the National Endowment Fund of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and to that end sends its check for fifty dollars with this note of high appreciation and good will.

BETA THETA PI,

By Francis W. Shepardson,
President

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

(Retiring President in the chair—attired in the robe of office. After the opening of the meeting he shall address the chapter as follows)

PRESIDENT: "To serve _____ Chapter and Beta Theta Pi, you have elected as your officers _____, President, _____, Vice-President, etc." (As each newly elected brother's name is called, he shall step forward and take his place directly in front of the President's station. The President shall wait until the brother named has taken his position before he calls the next brother.)

PRESIDENT: "Brother President, are you ready to subscribe to the vow of office?" ("I am.") "Repeat after me: 'I, _____, do solemnly promise and declare that I will support and maintain the constitution, laws, rituals and instructions of Beta Theta Pi, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability.' As President of this chapter, you are charged with important duties



THE DENISON HOUSE FROM THE EAST

Curtis Hall, the "house on the hill" as it is seen by one looking up from Deeds Stadium. Note the three stars in the gable. Note the partly covered veranda for chapter "sings." The dining-room is in the basement in front.

and responsibilities and it is confidently expected that your fidelity to these trusts will reflect honor upon yourself and credit upon the fraternity. It is now my duty to propound certain questions to you, to which unequivocal answers are required: (1) Do you solemnly promise, upon the honor of a Beta, that you will redouble your efforts to correct errors and discords, maintain the welfare and promote the happiness of your brothers in this chapter? (2) That, to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies and will pay due respect and obedience to the instructions of the District Chief and the other General Officers of this Fraternity?"

PRESIDENT: "Officers-elect, repeat after me: 'I do solemnly promise and declare that I will forever maintain _____ chapter as a chapter of Beta Theta Pi and that I will maintain and support the constitution, laws, rituals and instructions of the fraternity, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties enjoined upon me by the office I am about to assume.'"

(Here can be inserted transfer of Badge or Robe, if desired.)

PRESIDENT: "As emblematic of our faith in our new officers, I transfer to you,

Brother President, the Robe (or Badge) of your office. May Wooglin smile upon you as you wear it and may you always bring it honor."

PRESIDENT: "Brothers of _____ chapter, you have elected these officers to guide the affairs of your chapter for the ensuing year and they have the right to expect the loyal and enthusiastic support of each member. The maintenance of the high standing and character of a chapter of Beta Theta Pi and the achievement of the three great objects symbolized by the three stars will require the exercise of the talents, perseverance and united efforts of all the members and officers, and each must do his part faithfully and enthusiastically."

"Hear ye! hear ye! hear ye! I do now proclaim that the officers of the _____ Chapter, the _____ of Beta Theta Pi, have been duly installed in their respective offices. All loyal Betas will govern themselves accordingly."

The importance of the editorship of the fraternity magazine was called to the attention of the convention in the report of Francis W. Shepardson, the editor, who said:

"Ten years have elapsed since the editor, at the call of the board of trustees, took up the work which dropped from the hands of William Raimond Baird, who had been in charge of the magazine for a quarter of a century. The appointment was understood to be tentative only and until such time as another member of Beta Theta Pi might be found to undertake another period of long service to the fraternity in this most important field. Since that time hardly a meeting of the board of trustees has been held when the problem of editorship has not been discussed. The lists of members have been scanned and rescanned; the interest and activity of correspondents have been observed with eager watchfulness; the search for an editor has been long and unfruitful. Certain individuals, gifted with expression and devoted to the fraternity, with whose history and traditions they have been familiar because of fidelity to Beta Theta Pi, have been urged to undertake the editorial work; but each has felt forced to decline because of personal business or of expressed individual limitations. In all likelihood the editor of tomorrow must be discovered, perhaps in some member, anxious to serve his fraternity and yet hesitant to suggest his willingness to take over the great responsibility. The subject is again presented to the Convention for its thought. The province of the magazine is well-defined after fifty-four volumes of issue since it was founded as the first of the fraternity publications. It is a forum for the discussion of current problems; it is a record book of administrative and personal achievement; it is a compendium of accumulating history; it seeks to encourage the living to high endeavor; it pays fitting tribute to the dead. Its successive volumes, in a notable way, indicate the growth of the fraternity and proclaim the men who have brought it to high esteem. No specialist in one field of so-called journalism; no brilliant critic or caustic censor; no one merely trained in the schools of news-writing—none of these can succeed as editor of a fraternity magazine. The fundamentals are knowledge of Beta Theta Pi or willingness to study to attain this knowledge, absolute unselfishness and willingness to sacrifice the hours others give to pleasure, and, above all, faith in the fraternity and in its sons, confidence in its great task, devotion to its destiny. These are the characteristics which have marked the men who have edited the magazine during over half a century. Who will follow in their train?"

At the opening of the college year Omicron chapter at the University of Virginia occupied an attractive colonial house of Georgian type for which ground was broken on May 15, 1927. Located on a corner lot close to the center of academic activities it provided a convenient and comfortable home for the chapter. The outlay for land, building and furnishings was approximately \$45,000.

On October 8, 1927, Gamma Zeta chapter at Whitman College formally opened its new house, an unusually fine residence with a large plot of ground having been purchased and adapted to fraternity use.

On January 17, 1928 the general treasurer received from former district chief Dexter J. Tight, Denison '12, a check for \$1,060 in payment for

a note with a year's interest representing a gift to the Founders Fund of the fraternity.

February 25, 1928, was a notable day in the history of the Westminster chapter, the Alpha Delta, sixty-two members of the fraternity attending the formal dedication of a new chapter house, well designed for the chapter's use, and just across the street from the college campus.

James T. Brown, Cornell '76, long a popular and valued officer of the fraternity, a secretary of many conventions and widely known to the membership, died on April 23, 1928, leaving a memory of splendid service to Beta Theta Pi.

During the college year large and enthusiastic gatherings of alumni were



REAR OF THE YALE HOUSE

Georgian windows from the former house were placed in the new one, the sentiment overcoming any architectural objection to combination with the gothic. The Harkness tower suggests the general location of the house.

held at banquets in Cincinnati, Denver, Kansas City and other cities. At Columbus, Ohio, on November 21, 1927, old-time friends of former President and General Secretary John Calvin Hanna, including three of the founders of the Ohio State chapter, met at a dinner in his honor. On December 15, 1927, at the Hotel Belvidere in Baltimore, the Johns-Hopkins chapter celebrated its semi-centennial, an historical address being given by Edward Goodman, '80, and other speeches of an historical and reminiscential type being made by George Scholl, Wittenberg '68, and Francis W. Shepardson, president of the fraternity. On December 30, 1927 over three hundred Betas gathered in Kansas City at the Hotel President, and, on February 10, 1928, about the same number of alumni, undergraduates from the four Colorado chapters and their lady friends, enjoyed the reunion in Denver. On March 10, 1928 the Diogenes Club of Cincinnati held one of its successful meetings at the Cincinnati Club, eighty-eight being present in connection with the annual initiation of Beta Nu chapter.

In the first week of June 1928 the civilized world was electrified by the

news of a successful flight of an airplane from Oakland, California, to Sydney, Australia, via Honolulu, members of Beta Theta Pi being much excited over an associated press dispatch which told of a radio message to Wallace R. Farrington, Maine '91, governor of the Territory of Hawaii, from Harry Lyon, Dartmouth '08, navigator of the *Southern Cross*, reading,

"A brother Beta coming to see you on the Southern Cross." This dispatch, printed in every daily newspaper of the wide domain of the associated press, brought the fraternity great publicity.

During the summer of 1928 the Missouri chapter house was enlarged by wing additions and internally improved at an outlay of \$42,000.

The eighty-ninth general convention met at the Broadmoor Hotel near Colorado Springs, Colorado, opening its sessions on September 4, 1928, Rogers Wolcott, Yale '05, being chosen president. All chapters were represented except the one at Lehigh and there was a large attendance of officers and district chiefs. The hotel was not well adapted to convention purposes, having no committee rooms and not being prepared to handle the unexpectedly large company of attendant Betas. General Treasurer James L. Gavin, DePauw '96 was reelected with great enthusiasm as was trustee John A. Blair, Wabash '93. The Beta Beta chapter at the University of Mississippi which had been dormant since 1901 was reestablished by the grant of a charter to the Theta Beta local society. The original name of the North Carolina chapter, the Eta, was restored to it in place of Eta Beta as it had been known since its revival. The report of the board of trustees announced a new publication,

"The board reports that under its direction Francis W. Shepardson has prepared and published a volume of *Beta Lore*, showing how sentiment, song, and story have played their part in the unfolding history of Beta Theta Pi. Many interesting articles hidden away in the pages of the fraternity magazine have been uncovered and reprinted in attractive typographical setting. Many incidents connected with the fraternity, whose description has been handed down from decade to decade by word of mouth, have been made available for all. Important pictures have been reproduced. All known facts regarding the founders of the fraternity have been assembled for the instruction of novitiates. A limited edition of the book has been printed. Five copies will be sent to each chapter, the remainder of the edition being available for purchase by interested members who may wish to have this unique volume, which presents, among other features, a remarkable record of kinship in the fraternity and an astonishing showing of memorials of distinction in honor of members of Beta Theta Pi. The board also reports that it has authorized the preparation during the coming year of a third volume by the same writer, this to be called *Beta Life*, the three publications, the *Beta Book*, *Beta Lore* and *Beta Life*, being expected to cover the history, the traditions, the sentiment, and the chapter life of the fraternity during its ninety years of existence."

The board also reported the completion of a special undertaking in heraldic lines,

"The board reports that, with the artistic aid of C. Lindsay Ricketts, Ohio '84, it has completed the collection of individual chapter coats of arms and has provided all chapters which have lacked charters with these visible evidences of legal standing in the fraternity. The board calls particular attention to the value of the coats of arms. Each chapter has its own device and its own motto, while the workmanship represents the skill of one of the world's greatest masters in this field. The materials used guarantee that these unique emblematic portrayals will retain their freshness and appealing beauty for many years, if proper care is taken of them. The board takes great pride in reporting the completion of the task, and again pays tribute to Major George M. Chandler, Michigan '98, under whose supervision

the work has been carried to conclusion, for his painstaking care in connection with heraldic correctness of detail and his unflinching devotion to this splendid contribution to the sentiment of the fraternity."

The official reports to the convention showed a total membership as of June 30, 1928, of 32,876, former General Secretary George H. Bruce, Centre '99, having been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of James T. Brown as Keeper of the Rolls, whose death was officially reported to the convention by the board of trustees as follows,

"The board, with sadness, makes official report of the death of James Taylor Brown, Cornell '76, who had been closely identified with the administration of the fraternity since 1879 when the union with Alpha Sigma Chi brought him into our fellowship. Eager and willing as a worker, cordial and friendly in his personal approach, unceasing and untiring in his devotion to Beta Theta Pi, a veteran convention goer, with a legion of friends during fifty years, we shall miss him from our fraternal gatherings and shall mourn his passing from the ranks of the faithful."

General Treasurer James L. Gavin, DePauw '96, reported the year's collections for dues to be \$20,958, to which were added membership fees of \$10,550 and Baird Fund fees of \$11,400, making a total of \$42,908, no chapter being delinquent. Counting income from endowment funds and all other receipts he showed a grand total of \$58,566.60 for the year 1927-1928. In the Baird Fund he reported a total of \$114,765.16, and in the Founders Fund \$70,803.25. Two special additions to the latter were noted. One was a note for \$1,000, protected by an insurance policy payable on August 8, 1939, given by A. J. Gustin Priest, Idaho, '18. The other was through an agreement with the Wooster Beta Theta Pi Association which turned over to the Trustees of the Founders Fund \$1,541.61 to be held by them and known as "The Alpha Lambda Chapter Memorial Fund," this fund to be invested, the income to become a part of the Founders Fund and the principal to be held in trust until such time as the Wooster chapter, the Alpha Lambda of Beta Theta Pi, shall have been reinstated at Wooster College, at which time the principal only is to be returned upon demand to the Wooster chapter.

General Secretary Harold J. Baily, Amherst '08, in his annual report called attention to the changing character of the fraternity's membership and the relationship of that change to American life. Reviewing the half-century just completed, he said:

"Fifty years ago the Beta convention was held in Indianapolis. Joseph R. Lamar, destined to become a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, was General Secretary. Brothers Willis O. Robb, Wylls C. Ransom, Edward J. Brown, George W. Switzer, John W. Herron, John I. Covington, and Willis Van Devanter attended the convention. These names are familiar to those who know the history of Beta Theta Pi. The fraternity was then thirty-nine years of age, but we had only thirty chapters, only about four hundred and nineteen undergraduate members and a total membership of only four thousand. Now we have eighty-five chapters, about two thousand eight hundred and twenty-five undergraduate members and a total membership of thirty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy-six. In fifty years Beta Theta Pi has octupled its membership. In 1928, we have twenty-three districts; in 1878 there were only five. Then each district chief was an undergraduate; now every chief is an alumnus.

In 1878 most college students were preparing to enter school teaching or other learned professions. The Betas of those days had their roots in a common heritage of blood, religious training and outlook on life.

Since 1878 the United States has become the richest country in the world. Our population has multiplied; we are making great and increasing expenditures for pub-

lic education so that opportunities for intellectual training are open to all. It has become self-evident that the achievements of an individual American are limited only by his own health, energy, determination, effort, ability and character. Masses of people in the United States today are enjoying prosperity comparable only to the prosperity of the aristocrats of a few centuries ago. Our whole system of education from kindergarten to graduate school is a ladder up which men and women may climb to leadership and wealth.

There has been an extraordinary increase in college enrollment since 1878. Most of this increase is due to no longing for learning, but is due to an intense craving for prestige, power and wealth. No longer are our college communities homogeneous in racial stock, religion and early training. Glance at the names in our own year



THE VIRGINIA CHAPTER HOUSE

book. Jones, Smith, Whipple, and Poe are there of course. If you hunt you will find Jan Waldyslaw Lieznieski and Syze Wilto Schortinghuis. Almost at random you may select Vanture, Manthey-Zorn, Heinz, Mahoney, Mulligan, Von Hagen, Finn, Erickson, Gooch, Rosenbaum, Muschette, Abruzzino, Sadillo, Sacco, Lindquist, Egurrola, Cessna, Gsell, Lissak, Tvedten, Loizeaux, Fotheringham, Arteaga, Kowalewski, and Sigafos. This list is representative of American colleges, and it is evident that members of present day Beta chapters may practice tolerance daily and lay the foundation for a real brotherhood of man if they only will.

Having striven toward and in no small measure attained the ideal of justice and equal opportunity for all, the United States has prospered. We face the evils that go with prosperity—that history teaches have always gone with prosperity in the past. Unless these evils are overcome the now prosperous masses will eventually succumb as aristocracies in the past have succumbed and to the same evils. Our religious and moral training has not fitted us to cope effectively with these new dangers. Few realize that there is any danger in prosperity, luxury and ease.

Let Beta Theta Pi encourage its members to cultivate the fundamental virtues of unselfishness, thrift, sobriety, chastity, industry and honesty; let Beta Theta Pi inspire unfaltering fidelity to the highest ideals of truth, honor, manliness and righteousness; through devotion to the cultivation of the intellect and the preservation of unsullied friendships let Beta Theta Pi develop wise, generous and lovable members and it will follow, as the night the day that by means of the influence, the example

and the noble acts of hundreds of worthy Betas, Beta Theta Pi will contribute an honorable share to the perpetuation of the best that was in the old America and to the glorious upbuilding of the modern America.

Here in the great state of Colorado surrounded by stupendous mountain peaks we stand literally as well as figuratively on the mount of vision. Since 1878 Beta Theta Pi and the American educational world have been completely if quietly transformed. We shall continue to plan and legislate for Beta Theta Pi, guided by the lofty ideals which inspired our brothers at Indianapolis fifty years ago; but we shall also strive with open and understanding minds to apply our principles to the conditions of our own times and to follow with enthusiasm the master-spirits of the wonderful, new and ever-changing era in which we are privileged to live and to act."

General-Secretary Baily, looking forward to the proper celebration in 1939 of the centennial of Beta Theta Pi, included in his annual report the following stirring passages:

"For eighty-nine years Beta Theta Pi has been thrusting its roots into the soil of this great land. Our country has prospered meanwhile and our fraternity has grown like a tree planted by the rivers of water. The national fraternity idea is now so strong that fraternity men are prone to think that fraternities have proved their usefulness beyond question, but public opinion does not unanimously agree with them. Although we are not directly accountable for the acts of other fraternities, we are responsible for the achievements and reputation of Beta Theta Pi, and through the power of the example of our own fraternity we can give direction and inspiration to the entire college fraternity system. Each one of us is directly responsible. A freshman honor man, an Olympic athlete, a Rhodes scholar, a member of the President's cabinet, in fact, every Beta on our rolls, each in his own sphere, can add to the usefulness and prestige of Beta Theta Pi.

The source of Beta Theta Pi's strength is unseen; it is more enduring than the rock-ribbed hills around us here; it is found in the souls of men. Beta strength is spiritual. Material prosperity is good, but our fraternity's greatest service is that it strives to enrich men's souls.

Eleven years from now, on August 8, 1939, Beta Theta Pi will be one hundred years old. What use shall we make of these eleven years before our centennial? I urge you to give your best to advance our fraternity's spiritual powers, so that Beta Theta Pi's achievements in aiding men to lead effective and more abundant lives will prove that there is one fraternity which is a great national asset. To deserve recognition as a leader Beta Theta Pi must lead. Let us plant the Beta banner high on the mountain top among the loftiest crags of success.

Our plans for greatly expanding service should be carefully thought through, should mature slowly, and should rest on the solid rock of achievement. Before we present a project which is so big in its vision that it takes men's breath away, before we ask alumni to give generously of their savings, energy and time to assist in carrying out our new program, we must have a convincing record that will give evidence of our determination to do great things and our ability to execute our plans.

The inspiration of the fraternity's past, its present prosperity and its high hopes for the future give us just pride in our organization and renewed courage and enthusiasm for the tasks which immediately confront us. The complete co-operation of the chapters and alumni represented here can make possible such progress during the next eleven years that our hopes for the distant future will seem insignificant when compared with what we shall presently accomplish. Our centennial will then be the occasion of rejoicing and we can plan for the second century of Beta Theta Pi with the certain knowledge that your fraternity and mine is worthy of a place among the institutions that are contributing effectively to the upbuilding of our own country and to the advancement and peace of the world."

The same thought of the second century of the fraternity and the proper approach to it was made a feature of the address by President Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82, with which the convention opened. After indicating some of the striking changes in fraternity philosophy which had accompanied the development of Beta Theta Pi during ninety years and calling attention to the effect of the "melting pot" idea upon the fraternity, he

cited a statement by Daniel McCleary, Miami '42, made in 1843, that the original design of Beta Theta Pi was individualistic, "that we should act upon ourselves and not upon society," and, after some interpretation of this thought, went on to say:

"In my own opinion our fraternity in its second century will be an American institution, its members a cross-section of the student body, its dominating thought that of the college community. That may mean something entirely different from what we know now in Beta Theta Pi. New conditions may bring new duties. The larger life of tomorrow may open new vistas. It may be futile to attempt a programme for that second century. But, so far as I can see it, the long-standing ideal of the fraternity will continue to be influential, the thought of Dan McCleary will prevail:



THE KENYON BETA TEMPLE

"The standard by which we measure and are measured is not that of numbers, but the standard of mental strength and personal merit." Relying upon the intelligence and virtue of its individual members our fraternity will have its influence upon campus life and upon the world without. Our select champions, tomorrow, as yesterday, will proclaim the worth of our ideals and the real value of the training which we give young men in our chapter homes. The best results will come if we adhere closely to what Dan McCleary stated in the words "the original idea was that we should act upon ourselves and not upon society." What was that Dave Linton wrote in 1840—before any one outside the chosen few knew that the fraternity existed—before anyone ever saw the Beta badge on college campus:

"Beta Theta Pi is prospering, and I rejoice. I hope they may ever keep the standard high and press on with a calm, silent, and unconquerable energy. Based upon no unjust principle; formed for noble purposes; all that is necessary to secure complete success is an unflinching determination to pursue steadily the track in which we started."

The springs which, through nearly ninety years, have been contributing to the stream of Beta Theta Pi, are now all located. The great adventure of our second century is alluring—as appealing as was Pike's Peak to the pioneers of long ago who guided their way westward by its upreared summit. We must keep our faces

toward the future and must not turn back. And we must prepare our fraternity for its work of 1939 and the long years ahead. In this preparation there seem to me to be certain definite things to do.

1—We must make a careful survey of Beta Theta Pi, to discover exactly what we have in each college community; our strength there and our weakness; how we are regarded by college authorities, by the students and towns-people; whether it is generally considered that there is something hidden in the fraternity of power and influence and usefulness, or the chapter is counted merely another student boarding house. We never have had any such sweeping survey.

2—We must push vigorously plans for clearing up the indebtedness upon our chapter houses, so that the century may be closed with every bit of property free from overhanging mortgages. As part of that programme we must encourage those who strive to make every member realize his personal obligation so far as his own debts to his chapter are concerned. The two campaigns may well be forwarded together.

3—We must discover and eliminate the chapters, if any, where the ideals of the fraternity have not found proper fruitage; where interest in the fraternity is not keen; where there is not adequate housing or active alumni support. We cannot afford to go into the second century with lame and hobbled feet. Eleven years is a sufficiently long period for any local achievement where local advance is absolutely essential.

4—We must watch more carefully the barred door where the challenge is heard, "Who comes here?" We have not been careful enough in our preliminary examinations of candidates. The long lists of expulsions each year are absolute proof of that. Kenneth Murchison of the North Carolina chapter put it well seventy-six years ago:

"We are very careful in our selection and invariably refuse those whose characters we do not know perfectly well. We cannot be too careful, as we expect to partake of the honor and share in the disgrace of each individual member."

5—We must recruit the membership of the "Old Guard," the "King's Own," the "Invincibles," that inner circle of devoted knights of Beta Theta Pi from which willing volunteers for duty can be called at any hour—knights like those described by Pater Knox to the assembled brothers on August 8, 1840, "bound to each other by the strongest cords of faith and fellowship"—"bound together by vows which were never broken"—pursuing the great objects of their associations "with an energy that never tired, with a zeal that knew not self, and with a devotedness that never counted gold." "There are always the two groups," so a fugitive clipping ran, "the inner group that really care and the larger group that merely stare. It was said on a great occasion to an inner group, 'To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to others in parables, lest, seeing, they prove incapable of perceiving and, hearing, incapable of understanding.'" So, in Beta Theta Pi there are many who never catch the vision, who never understand the potentialities of this great organization of youth. It is "the inner group that really care" that makes any fraternity a success. The late Supreme Court Justice William B. Woods caught the idea when he was recorder of his chapter at Western Reserve eighty-five years ago, "Masonry and Odd fellowship have their friends and supporters. Let our beloved fraternity have its lovers."

And so, stripped of every weight that might impede our progress, with a clean-cut band of loyal knights, with a powerful group of invincible supporters, Beta Theta Pi will be ready for what the gods may have in store, as its second century begins. Here, on this high place of our fraternity, as we have gathered to worship at our shrine, can't you see the vision out there? A fraternity, every chapter of which is a living exemplification of its idealism, every member of which is absolutely worthy to wear its badge and bear its name; a fraternity, every one of whose chapter houses is a real home; a fraternity, every one of whose chapter halls is a place of inspiration, every one of whose altars is a place of consecration; a fraternity, through which young men are stimulated to high endeavor—out of which men come trained for leadership."

At the convention the first report of the Code Commission, which had been appointed by the board of trustees, was made. This commission, consisting of former General Secretary George H. Bruce, as chairman, former

president Willis O. Robb, former trustee H. Sheridan Baketel, former district chief A. J. Priest and General Secretary Harold J. Baily, was requested to make an exhaustive study of the constitution and laws of Beta Theta Pi and present for the consideration of the fraternity such recommendations as might appeal to it to be desirable in order to make the organic law as fully adapted to present day conditions as practicable. The report as made was a complete revision and rearrangement. It met with the favor of the convention and was referred to the convention of 1929 for final enactment, the chapters being urged to study it with care during the year.



THE KENYON LODGE

A side view showing the tree-surrounded temple as seen when approached from the college yard down Kenyon's famous "middle path."

During the year the Minnesota chapter entered the splendid new house which took the place of the former pillared structure facing the university campus. Built with the special needs of a city chapter in mind, the home of Beta Pi made a valuable addition to the property of the fraternity.

The Indiana chapter, the Pi of Beta Theta Pi, occupied its attractive new home at the opening of the fall term of 1928. The first initiation in the new hall was held on October 8th, and on October 26th, in the presence of a large company of members of the fraternity, the house was formally dedicated with appropriate ceremonial. During the year since its corner stone was laid on November 17, 1927, the chapter had watched the construction of the house with great interest. Its architect was a member of the chapter, Frank Logan, '03.

The first finding list of members of the Baird Fund was printed as the November, 1928, issue of the fraternity magazine.

A notable publication of the year was "Beta Theta Pi at Michigan."

Prepared by Shelby B. Schurtz, Michigan '08, it was a volume of 268 pages, tastefully bound in Michigan blue with lettering of gold. The illustrations showed the development of the campus, the several homes of Lambda chapter, the fraternity insignia connected with the chapter, the pictures of prominent fraternity workers from the chapter, and, of supreme historic value, reproductions of chapter and university records bearing upon fraternity affairs at Ann Arbor. A complete chapter roll, accounting for every man ever connected with Lambda, was a distinct feature. The book was dedicated to Junius E. Beal, Michigan '82.

On December 6 and 7, 1928, Beta Beta chapter at the University of Mississippi was reestablished upon a firm foundation by the initiation of the members of a local society which had been organized for the purpose by Homer H. Hazel, Rutgers '24, physical director of the university, with the coöperation of Chancellor Alfred Hume, Vanderbilt '87, and had been helped materially by Professor Lloyd E. Thatcher. The ceremonies were held in the Robert Burwell Fulton chapel, President Shepardson, General Secretary Baily, General Treasurer Gavin, Vice-president Clark, District Chief Marks and Chancellor Hume taking the principal parts, a delegation of undergraduates from the Tulane chapter assisting materially. Dr. Fayette C. Ewing, Mississippi '85 presided at the installation banquet at which one of the principal speakers was Judge Guston T. Fitzhugh, Mississippi '86, a former district chief.

On December 8, 1928, in the Louisiane restaurant in New Orleans a hundred members of the fraternity, including the president, the general secretary, the general treasurer and two other members of the board of trustees, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Tulane chapter, every year of the chapter's existence being represented by members present, and a striking and remarkably creditable summary of the chapter's achievements in the two decades making a page of the menu card.

On February 9, 1929, the Beta Alpha chapter at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, in connection with the annual initiation celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its installation. The presence of Grove Curtis, '80, No. 1 on the chapter roll, was a noteworthy feature of the dedication of a meeting hall or lodge, built of limestone and located in the woods on the campus at some distance from the living quarters of the chapter, which, under college rule, is unable to build and occupy a chapter house. Of classical design, the Kenyon temple added a distinct structure to the property holdings of the fraternity, a fitting companion piece to the shrine at St. Lawrence University.

Omega chapter at the University of California commemorated its semi-centennial on March 16, 1929, the annual initiation being combined with a banquet, which was attended by two of the founders of the chapter and by many representatives of each of the five decades of chapter life. The parts in the initiation were taken by older members, including Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82 and Walter E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan '77, the presence and participation in the ritual of the second, fourth and sixth members on the chapter roll of Omega making the ceremonial one long to be remembered, as Lewis G. Harrier, '80, Reinhardt T. Harding, '82 and Guy C. Earl, '83 helped in its interpretation. In connection with the completion of fifty years of chapter life, members of the fraternity in the Bay District,

with a few friends, presented to the University of California \$10,000 as a memorial to Charles Stetson Wheeler, '84, author of "Omega's Hymn", and Charles Harvey Bentley, '91, the income of this Wheeler-Bentley Fund to be used for the aid of members of Omega chapter in completing their college work at Berkeley.

On April 12, 1929, Rogers Crittenden, Missouri, '19, died at his home in Kansas City. A former district chief of Beta Theta Pi and devoted to its ideals, the settlement of his estate revealed \$1,000 as a gift to the founders fund of the fraternity and a similar legacy to the Zeta Phi chapter at Missouri, the two gifts being provided through an insurance policy.

The social side of fraternity was emphasized by a number of banquets besides those already mentioned. At the Indianapolis Thanksgiving gathering, a great round-up occasion each year for Indiana Betas, Paul McNutt, Indiana '13 National Commander of the American Legion, was the principal speaker. At Denver, on January 23, 1929, Supreme Court justices Greeley W. Whitford, Iowa Wesleyan '82, Wilbur M. Alter, Denver '04 and Julian H. Moore, Denver '05, as guests of honor, shared the plaudits of their fraternity brothers, along with George C. Manly, Denver '85, Roger H. Wolcott, Yale '05, the former and present deans of the Denver law school, district attorney Earl Wettengel, Denver '12 and state senator Golding Fairfield, DePauw '07. At Wheeling, West Virginia, on April 15, 1929 eighty-four members of the fraternity welcomed the president of Beta Theta Pi, who at Los Angeles, California, on the 15th of March met over one hundred and fifty Betas gathered in the Elks' temple to witness the initiation of ten novitiates of the Gamma Nu chapter and to share in a great banquet.

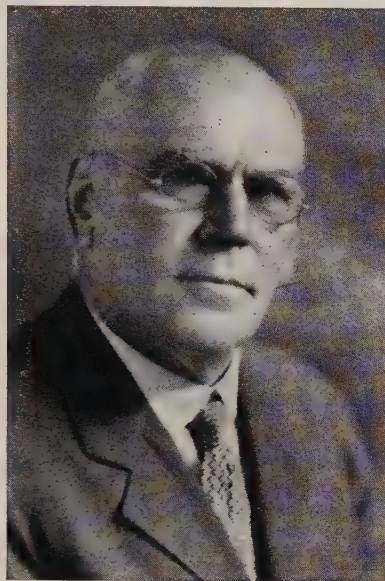
A statement regarding the special library in the University of Michigan, named for and dedicated to the abiding memory of Stephen Spaulding, Michigan '27, showed that it then contained 410 volumes, among them some rare military treatises picked up by Major Thomas M. Spaulding, Michigan '02 and his wife, donors of this historical collection.

In Orono, Maine, on June 9, 1929, the Beta Eta chapter fittingly commemorated fifty years of Beta Theta Pi in the University of Maine. President Harold S. Boardman, '95, a member of the chapter, brought the greetings of the university headed by him and President Francis W. Shepardson those of the fraternity. An historical address by Charles S. Bickford, '82 reviewed the achievements of a half-century.

The ninetieth general convention was held at Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, Ontario, beginning its sessions on August 27, 1929. Ronald F. Moist, West Virginia '15 was chosen president. Each of the eighty-six chapters was represented by a delegate and there was a large attendance of national officers, district chiefs and other members of the fraternity. Keeper of the Rolls George H. Bruce, Centre '99, reported a total membership as of June 30, 1929, of 33,951. General Treasurer James L. Gavin, DePauw '96, reported that he had collected annual dues from 3,090 members, as compared with 2,994 for the previous year. He made his traditional report of all dues paid, all bills paid, and money in bank, the Baird Fund being placed at \$129,644.42, the Founders Fund at \$73,564.63, and the balance in the General Fund on June 30, 1929, \$30,392.37, making a total worth of \$233,601.42. He also reported the establishment of the William B. Parmelee Fund, through a

gift by William B. Parmelee, Western Reserve, '83, of securities of the approximate value of \$6,000, the income to be used as follows:

1. To assist worthy and needy members of the Fraternity to secure an education, it being the donor's wish that preference be given members of the Beta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.



WILLIAM B. PARMELEE,
Western Reserve '83
Donor of the Parmelee Fund.

2. To enable exceptionally desirable candidates to become Betas who for financial reasons might be unable to do so, it being the donor's wish that preference be given to students of Western Reserve University.

3. To apply to and carry out the purposes of the Founders' Fund of Beta Theta Pi.

The report of the assistant general treasurer, Frank G. Ensign, Beloit, '00, besides indicating remarkable progress in the direction of financial soundness on the part of every chapter, gave, in brief summary—a syllabus of actions regarding chapter finances taken by conventions during a period of five years:

"The convention of 1924 approved recommendations for:—

1. Use of uniform accounting system by all chapters.
2. The establishment of chapter loan funds.
3. The collection of alumni accounts.
4. The prompt payment of bills.

The convention of 1925 approved recommendations for:—

1. The more careful preparation of financial reports.
2. The prompt payment of bills.
3. The election by the chapters of competent treasurers.
4. The filing of a financial report by each chapter not later than sixty days after college convenes.

The convention of 1926 approved recommendations for:—

1. The adoption of the budget system—the budget to be amply large to start with.
2. The audit of the books of each chapter 'by a competent person, preferably by an interested alumnus accountant.'
3. The use of the uniform accounting system except in special cases.
4. The use of a special form of convention financial report.
5. The monthly financial report to be read to the chapter each month and mailed to the district chief.

The convention of 1927 approved recommendations for:—

1. The monthly financial reports to the chapters and the chief.
2. The audit of the books of each chapter 'by a competent person, preferably by an interested alumnus accountant.'
3. The study of the uniform accounting system by a committee appointed by the president.

The convention of 1928 approved recommendations for:—

1. The continued use of the monthly financial reports.
2. The adoption of budgets by all chapters following the leadership of forty-seven chapters.
3. After considerable discussion—the annual audit by an alumnus or alumni committee."

Emphasizing the desirability of having each chapter equal the effectiveness of the fraternity in closing each year with all bills paid and all moneys collected, he called special attention to the Michigan chapter which, for the sixth consecutive year, had made the desired record, to six chapters, Davidson, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio State, Colorado Mines, Denver and Stanford with unbroken record of five years with all bills paid, to four chapters, Hanover, Indiana, Illinois and Chicago, which had for the past four years paid all bills at the end of the year, and to eleven chapters, Columbia, Stevens, Virginia, Washington and Lee, Denison, Wittenberg, De Pauw, Purdue, Wabash, Washington University and California which had paid all bills for the past three years.

General Secretary Bailly again laid stress on the importance of scholarship, saying,

"The most recent statistics of the Interfraternity Conference show that although it has eighty-six chapters Beta Theta Pi leads in scholarship the large fraternities which include those having fifty chapters or more. This is no small achievement. Every undergraduate member should make it a matter of personal and fraternity pride to keep Beta Theta Pi far in the lead in scholarship. No fraternity founded between 1825 and 1903, a period of seventy-eight years, equals our present standing in scholarship, and only fifteen of those founded since surpass our record. Our chapter at Illinois stands in second place and Beloit, Bethany, Case, Colorado Mines, Denison, Denver, Hanover, Kenyon, Missouri, Virginia, Wabash, Washington and Jefferson, Washington State, Whitman and Yale are reported in first place. These chapters deserve great praise. We have in contemplation group conferences which may shed new light on the scholarship problem. Chapters can be roughly classified as those in small classical colleges, large universities and technical institutions, for example. A recent study made of college graduates employed by the Bell Telephone system shattered a stubborn myth. While participation in extracurricular activities proved to be an undoubted advantage to the student as preparation for future life it was found to be only about half as important as good scholarship. The conclusion reached was that 'the most predictive factor for progress in future life was scholarship.'"

The convention adopted in final form the report of the Code Commission revising the constitution and the laws, which, later, was ratified by mail vote of the chapters and became the definitive code of the fraternity.

A pleasing feature of the convention was an interchange of greetings with Mrs. Fanny Gordon Wilson of Eminence, Kentucky, daughter of founder Thomas Boston Gordon, the two messages reading:

From Mrs. Wilson:

In blessed memory of my sainted father, founder Thomas Boston Gordon who never ceased to love the Betas I extend affectionate greetings. May your lives be brave and useful. May they be in joy and peace. May you help exalt this nation till your days on earth shall cease.

To Mrs. Wilson:

The eighty-six chapters of Beta Theta Pi, in ninetyeth general convention assembled, gratefully acknowledge your gracious greeting, thanking you for your thoughtful remembrance of the fraternity and wishing you and the other children of founder Thomas Boston Gordon the richest of earth's joys.

RONALD F. MOIST, *Convention President*

E. KENNETH SMILEY, *Convention Secretary*

The convention adopted a minute in memory of Charles M. Hepburn, Virginia, '80, a former official of the fraternity who died in Indianapolis on July 10, 1929:

"The fraternity records with regret the passing of a member of the Advisory Council, that body of honored Beta veterans, composed of workers of other years, who have borne the burdens of Beta Theta Pi and have contributed of their talents and their time to the building up of a great brotherhood. Charles McGuffey Hepburn, Virginia '80, a Beta son himself and father of three Beta sons, the late Dean of the Law School of Indiana University, was for years one of the most important factors in the administration of our fraternity. As Editor of the *Beta Theta Pi* and as a member of the Board of Directors he was active and aggressive. His name will always have a place on the great roll of honor of Beta Theta Pi."

Amid great acclaim Harold J. Baily, Amherst '08, was reelected General Secretary and Gordon S. Smythe, Pennsylvania '18, a successful district chief, was chosen trustee.

The Wabash and Miami chapters began the new college year in completely remodeled houses the skill of the architects having utilized the former chapter houses to great advantage.

The Gamma Phi chapter at the University of Oklahoma completed an imposing house of fire-resisting concrete, carrying a tile roof and finished in Texas limestone, its cost being \$90,000 and its facilities being admirably adapted to the chapter's needs. A number of memorial features added to its attractiveness as a fraternity home.

In the death of Walter E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan, '77, on September 6, 1929, the fraternity lost one of its best-known and most loved members, a former official who was always interested in the welfare of Beta Theta Pi. On September 18, 1929, James Poyntz Nelson, Washington and Lee '69, the founder of the Kenyon chapter died, being followed on September 30th by Grove D. Curtis, Kenyon, '80, the first member of Beta Alpha.

The Beta Delta chapter which came to Beta Theta Pi on October 9, 1879, through the Alpha Sigma Chi alliance, celebrated the completion of a half-century at Cornell by a banquet at the chapter house in Ithaca on Saturday evening, October 19, 1929, and by a faculty reception on Sunday afternoon following. The Cornell-Princeton football game was an added attraction for distant alumni. At the banquet Willard Austen, '91, gave a brief sketch of chapter history, which was afterwards elaborated and published in the fraternity magazine with illustrations. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82, brought the greetings of the fraternity and interpreted the work it is trying to do. At the Sunday afternoon tea a number of the members of the faculty with their wives called to congratulate the chapter

on its golden anniversary. Each decade of the years since 1879 was represented by returning alumni.

On October 26, 1929, Alpha Upsilon chapter at Pennsylvania State College, formally dedicated its new \$125,000 house, a special ceremonial being connected with the consecration of the Stuart Kinzer Habgood memorial chapter hall. The chapter house, of red brick with Indiana limestone trimming, is of English manor type, with every requirement for comfortable and happy chapter life. General Secretary Harold J. Baily, Amherst '08 represented the fraternity on this occasion.



THE WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER HOUSE

A picture taken before landscaping was completed.

On Sunday, November 17, 1929, the Alpha Zeta Chapter at the University of Denver had open house for its friends, celebrating the completion of its new chapter house. Members of fraternities and sororities were received from two o'clock till four, faculty members from four till six, and alumni, Beta parents and other fraternity friends from six till eight. The house which is the first to be erected on the fraternity quadrangle cost \$50,000 and will accommodate thirty-four students.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1929, Beta Psi chapter at the University of West Virginia, formally dedicated a new house, located high above the Monongahela river, the occasion being marked by the presence of Milton S. Hodges, '01, one of the founders of the chapter and that of the president of the fraternity, Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82. An interesting feature of the exercises was a meeting of women friends of the chapter who voted that their organization designed for the help of the chapter should be called "The Jennie Bairds", selecting this name in honor of Mrs. William Raimond Baird and her devotion to Beta Theta Pi.

On Friday, December 20, 1929, five new members were admitted to membership in the Sigma chapter at Stevens Institute of Technology. The occasion marked the fiftieth anniversary of the chapter. About fifty Betas were present, among them former president, Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan '79, General Secretary Harold J. Baily, Amherst '08 and John V. VanRyper, Jr., Stevens '79, who is No. 4 in the official roll, and was a charter member of the Stevens Alpha Sigma Chi chapter which, in 1879, became the Sigma of Beta Theta Pi. Mr. Robb spoke of William Raimond Baird, who was largely responsible for the union of Alpha Sigma Chi with Beta Theta Pi. He paid a beautiful tribute to this great Beta, and, in so doing, left those present with a deeper appreciation of their fraternity and a glowing enthusiasm for its work. General Secretary Baily spoke briefly, but with his usual force conveyed a Beta message long to be remembered. District Chief A. J. Gustin Priest, Idaho '18, presided.

With the opening of the year 1930 the Eta chapter at the University of North Carolina entered a new home of pillared colonial type fitting admirably into the architectural style of the university and well suited to the chapter's needs.

On Monday, February 10, 1930, the Lambda Kappa chapter commemorated the completion of twenty-five years at the Case School of Applied Science, uniting with the members of the fraternity in Cleveland and vicinity in a notable banquet which was attended by over two hundred, Trustee Dunlap C. Clark, Chicago, '18, representing the officials of Beta Theta Pi on the programme.

The Alpha Beta chapter at the State University of Iowa, in connection with its annual initiation on Saturday, February 15, 1930, formally dedicated a new chapter house which it had built on property immediately adjoining its former home. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82, president of the fraternity, brought greetings from the other chapters. Charles H. Clarke, '84, gave an historical address which recounted some of the experiences of the chapter during the sixty-four years of its existence. Quite a number of older members were present to make the occasion a notable one. The house which stands high upon the river bluff at Iowa City utilizes the hillside site to good advantage in providing several floor levels.

A district reunion held with the Northwestern chapter on February 22, 1930, was closed with a largely attended banquet at the North Shore hotel in Evanston, Illinois, former president W. A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79 and president Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82 being the guests of honor.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in connection with the annual initiation ceremonial of the Colgate chapter, the passing of fifty years since the establishment of Beta Theta was properly celebrated by a banquet at the Colgate Inn in Hamilton, where the president of the university and the president of the fraternity brought greetings and praises to the chapter, a number of the earlier members being in attendance.

Alpha Eta chapter at Denison University found the capacity of its splendid home taxed on Saturday, March 22, 1930, by the large company of Betas who came to Granville to attend the annual initiation and to witness the presentation of "fraternal fifty" cards to members who had completed fifty years or more in Beta Theta Pi. The presence of five general officers

of the fraternity and of large numbers of visitors from neighboring Ohio and West Virginia chapters helped to make the occasion a notable one, the singing of fraternity songs in connection with the ritual and the banquet, and, later, in serenades to the Beta girls in the college dormitories, being a distinctive feature.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1930, the palm room of the Chase Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, was the scene of the annual honor banquet of the St. Louis Beta Theta Pi Club and the welcome to the novitiates of the Alpha Iota chapter, these being greeted in a speech of great beauty made by the veteran Ashley Cabell, Washington and Lee, '73. It was one of the best attended meetings of the alumni association, William T. Jones, Missouri, '96, being the special guest of honor, his name being added to the illustrious roll which includes the following:

- 1905 John W. Noble, Miami '51.
- 1906 David R. Francis, Washington '70.
- 1907 Ashley Cabell, Washington and Lee '73.
- 1908 Shepard Barclay, Virginia '69.
- 1909 James B. Gantt, Virginia '68.
- 1910 Dr. Fayette C. Ewing, Mississippi '85.
- 1911 } John Johnston, Centre '53.
- 1911 } Dr. Benjamin H. Charles, Centre '53.
- 1912 Walter B. Douglas, Westminster '73.
- 1913 William M. Kinsey, Monmouth '69.
- 1914 Philip N. Moore, Miami '70.
- 1915 William E. Jones, Michigan '76.
- 1916 Dr. William C. Bitting, Richmond '77.
- 1917 Francis E. Nipher, Iowa '70.
- 1918 No Banquet Because of the World War.
- 1919 No Banquet Because of the World War.
- 1920 The Beta Service Men.
- 1921 John Lane Van Ornum, Wisconsin '88.
- 1922 Charles W. Bates, Westminster '83.
- 1923 Edward E. Wall, Missouri '84.
- 1924 Charles W. Terry, Missouri '87.
- 1925 George R. Dodson, Missouri '87.
- 1926 Thomas David Miller, Washington '79.
- 1927 Benjamin H. Charles, Jr., Westminster '85.
- 1928 James J. Parks, Knox '72.
- 1929 Michael W. Walker, Knox '01.
- 1930 William T. Jones, Missouri '96.

The banquet hall of the Bellevue-Stratford hotel in Philadelphia was crowded on Friday evening, March 28, 1930, following the initiation of a fine group of new members, in order to celebrate the semi-centennial of the Phi chapter at the University of Pennsylvania. Dean Paul McNutt, Indiana '13 of the Indiana University Law School, former national commander of the American Legion, and Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82, president of the fraternity, made the principal addresses. Edward W. Mumford, Pennsylvania '89, as historian, called attention to the brief sketch of chapter history printed in the leaflet which included the programme of the evening and announced the early publication of a more detailed pamphlet describing the achievements of fifty years.

The Detroit alumni of the University of Michigan chapter, the Lambda of Beta Theta Pi, published in January 1930 a pamphlet of sixty-four pages, entitled "Michigan Corrects Its Seal", this being a reprint of the briefs, arguments and records whereby the board of regents of the University of

Michigan officially recognized the university's foundation date as August 26, 1817, and corrected its seal. The title page bore the seal of the university, with the date 1817 instead of the former 1837, and also the coat of arms of the Lambda chapter, showing the books and lamp from the university seal. A foreword called attention to the work done by Shelby B. Schurtz, Michigan '08, in connection with "Beta Theta Pi at Michigan" and in preparing the briefs for the alumni committee favoring the change of date; mentioned the use of the devices from the seal on the Michigan chapter arms; and stated that, because Detroit had been officially recognized as the first seat of the university, it had seemed appropriate that the Michigan alumni of Beta Theta Pi should reprint the material for better preservation.

On April 19, 1930, a hundred members of the fraternity, at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, Washington, witnessed a triple initiation, two candidates each being admitted to the Idaho, Washington State and Whitman chapters. President Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82, was the principal speaker at the banquet which followed, one of a series in which, during a two weeks' tour of the northwest, he addressed over 800 members of Beta Theta Pi. Of these the gatherings of 100 at Minneapolis, 100 at Portland and 176 at Seattle were most notable.

On April 1, 1930, the announcement was made that the ninety-first general convention of the fraternity would be held in the Vanderbilt-Chamberlin Hotel in Fortress Monroe, Old Point Comfort, Virginia, on September 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1930.



CHARLES S. WHEELER, '84



CHARLES H. BENTLEY, '91

CALIFORNIA BETAS HONORED BY FUND



TWO FRATERNITIES UNITE

The historic convention at Ithaca, New York, in October 1879 when Gen. R. W. Smith, Maj. W. C. Ransom and Charles J. Seaman, representing Beta Theta Pi, welcomed Alpha Sigma Chi into the common fellowship. The Betas, two of them bearded, are seen in the second row left. The young man in rear row fourth from the left, with winged collar is William Raimond Baird. Second from the right, front row, with cane is James Taylor Brown.

CHAPTER XI

FEDERAL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Twice in its history our fraternity has united with itself another college fraternity—in 1879 the Alpha Sigma Chi, and in 1890 the Mystical Seven—and at four other times it has taken into the fold the last surviving chapter of a general organization, the Mississippi chapter of Alpha Kappa Phi, the Brown chapter of Phi Kappa Alpha, the Dartmouth chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, and the Missouri chapter of Zeta Phi. In addition to this, a number of our chapters were originally established as chapters of other fraternities, or as local societies. These have all been mentioned in their proper places in the preceding chapters, but some of them seemed to merit more extended notice.

THE ALPHA KAPPA PHI.

This was a fraternity founded at Centre College, Kentucky, about 1858. Chapters were placed at a number of southern colleges, such as Cumberland and LaGrange, in Tennessee; Oakland and the University in Mississippi; Bethel in Kentucky, and perhaps elsewhere. The fraternity was crippled by the war, but was reorganized in 1866. The Psi chapter, which had been established at the University of Mississippi, was left the sole surviving chapter when the parent chapter became inactive in 1878, and in 1879 it received a charter as the Beta Beta of Beta Theta Pi. Few of the alumni of the old chapter ever became Betas, though they were accorded that privilege.

THE ALPHA SIGMA CHI.

This fraternity resulted from the friendship of several schoolmates attending a preparatory school at Blairstown, New Jersey. During their association at this school, they formed a secret organization on the familiar school-boy plan, but which seemed to have such elements of permanence in it that when the time arrived for the members to enter the different colleges they had chosen, they were loth to give up their society, and resolved to establish on its basis a college fraternity. As one member, Elbridge Van Syckel, intended to enter Rutgers; another, Ellis D. Thompson, Cornell, and a third, Louis La Tourette, Lafayette, the plan seemed feasible. La Tourette died before he was able to accomplish anything at his college, but Van Syckel and Thompson were more successful. The former, together with one or two other members of the "schoolboy society," the name of which was originally the "S.A.C.," soon founded a *sub rosa* chapter at Rutgers, changing the name of the organization to Alpha Sigma Chi, and calling themselves the Alpha chapter. The organization was effected during the year 1871-72, and was successful, though the members did not wear badges until October, 1874. Thompson, working more slowly, did not get the Beta chapter into working order until February, 1874. At that time boating was the most popular sport at Ithaca, and one which had brought the university into prominence, and the early selection of one or two prominent oarsmen made the chapter widely known, and served to establish it firmly.

The next year, 1875, in February, the Gamma chapter was established at the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey. This was then a new institution with a large endowment and able faculty.

In June, 1875, a *sub rosa* chapter, called Delta, was established at Princeton. It never did well, and soon became inactive. Again revived in 1876, it fell a victim to a combination of disasters, and in 1879 was but nominally existent, and after the union with Beta Theta Pi its resuscitation was not deemed advisable.

In the autumn of 1875, through the efforts of William D. Makepeace, of Cornell, the Epsilon chapter was placed at St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York. This is a small denominational college, with a strong local backing. A local society called the "Five Liars," and afterwards the



THE MAINE CHAPTER HOUSE

"P. D. Club," was organized in 1872, and, with the support of the college authorities, was successful, and this became a chapter of the new fraternity.

In 1876, a well attended convention was held at Hoboken, New Jersey, and resulted in the organization of the fraternity upon a sound basis. In May, 1877, a Zeta chapter was established at Columbia College. It was large in point of numbers, the largest in the fraternity, and evinced a disposition to be dictatorial, which was resented by the other chapters. In the fall of 1878 dissension arose, which resulted in its expulsion. A local society at Maine State College, called the "E. C. Society," petitioned for admission into the fraternity, and after some little opposition was accepted and was installed in May, 1878, as the Eta chapter.

During the year 1878-79 the fraternity was not prosperous. The Stevens and Rutgers chapters were offered charters by other and larger fraternities, and the chapter at Princeton was very weak. One or two attempts to

establish chapters also resulted unfavorably. At this time William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, was the General Secretary of the Alpha Sigma Chi. He was well aware of the precarious condition of the fraternity and, together with other members, was looking for some way out of the difficulty. Being at the time engaged in collecting statistical information in regard to the various college fraternities, and in correspondence with all of them, he was early attracted by the character and standing of the Beta Theta Pi. It seemed to be considered by all its western and southern competitors as their strongest rival; its alumni were well known, and seemed to regard their fraternity with peculiar affection; its journal was superior to those of its rivals, and its reputation seemed to be generally better. It was the only western fraternity which was at that time well known in the east, and the only fraternity of consequence which Alpha Sigma Chi did not meet as a rival, and it had inactive chapters in the east which it was deemed possible to revive. All these considerations led to the query whether it would not be to the benefit of both Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Sigma Chi to unite, and accordingly a correspondence with that end in view began between them. An offer was finally made to appoint a conference committee to determine upon the terms and method of union. The committee for Beta Theta Pi were Wyllys C. Ransom, Michigan, '47; Edward J. Brown, Hanover, '73, and Benjamin S. Grosscup, Wittenberg, '78. The committee for Alpha Sigma Chi were William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78; Walter B. Gunnison, St. Lawrence, '75, and Fred H. Seymour, Cornell, '81.

A meeting was held at Niagara Falls, New York, August 6, 1879. Terms were there agreed upon which were to be submitted to the Beta Theta Pi convention appointed to meet in Cincinnati in September, and to the Alpha Sigma Chi convention to meet at Ithaca in October. These, briefly, were, that the entire membership of Alpha Sigma Chi, active and alumni, was to be admitted into Beta Theta Pi, the active members to be initiated by the delegates to the October convention, and the alumni members to be initiated by active chapters or special committees, as should be convenient. The Alpha Sigma Chi members were to be allowed to designate their origin by prefixing the letters Alpha Sigma Chi to their Greek names, and were to be admitted at once to all the privileges of membership in Beta Theta Pi. The constitutions of the two fraternities were similar in many respects and it was found that the change might easily be made. The Niagara meeting and its objects became known to some of the other fraternities, and several of them endeavored to ascertain the terms of union, and made efforts if possible to outbid the Beta Theta Pi. One of the letters received from an officer of Phi Delta Theta may not prove uninteresting.

Our past and present record is so far superior to Beta Theta Pi, that we ask a candid consideration of our offer. * * * I can offer you the following:

1. We will accept every chapter of Alpha Sigma Chi, and number them with ours, and at once give you all privileges, etc.

2. The ——— badge will be used by all active members, while your colors, purple and gold, will be used intertwined with ours, * * * and * * *, thus keeping your colors as usual.

3. Our constitution will not be used, if you desire to have yours, but a committee of Alpha Sigma Chi and ——— can arrange a new constitution composed of both constitutions.

4. We will at once allow you to appoint from your order a member of our national executive committee, who act officially during the time between conventions, and whose authority is supreme, subject only to the action of conventions.

What further can we offer you? Can Beta Theta Pi do better?

Your alumni we will greet as our own, * * * and at our coming convention each chapter will be permitted to send a delegate without expense, and we will elect our next president or secretary from your membership. This latter offer is worthy of consideration.

My knowledge of all the chapters of ———, and of our most active workers, gives me opportunity to become acquainted with our members, and at conventions I am called upon to offer candidates for officers, and I can assure *you* of the presidency or secretaryship.

Beta Theta Pi offered no such glittering inducements, but it was meant that the arrangement should be honorably carried through. The terms of union were ratified by the Cincinnati convention of Beta Theta Pi, September 3, 1879, and by the Ithaca convention of Alpha Sigma Chi, October 21, 1879.



THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER HOUSE (Front View)

At this meeting all the chapters of Alpha Sigma Chi were represented, including the Delta at Princeton and the two alumni organizations. The terms of union were altered so that the new chapters received their names in regular order, and the convention concluded with a banquet. The new members were initiated into Beta Theta Pi by a committee consisting of Wyllys C. Ransom, Michigan, '47, Robert W. Smith, Williams, '51, and Charles J. Seaman, Denison, '71. All of the alumni of Alpha Sigma Chi subsequently became members of the fraternity.

PHI KAPPA ALPHA.

This fraternity possessed but two chapters, at Brown and Rochester. In 1870 a society named "The Wayland Literary Society" was founded at Brown. It was an open fraternity, with methods and practices akin to those of Delta Upsilon. It prospered, and in 1870 effected a union with

a similar society at Rochester, the "Literary Union," designating the united organization by the Greek name of Sigma Phi, the chapter at Brown being named Alpha and that at Rochester the Beta. The next year, learning that a society called Sigma Phi already existed, its name was changed to Phi Kappa Alpha. The chapter at Rochester declined, and became inactive in 1879, and in 1880 the Brown chapter petitioned for a charter as a Beta chapter, and was admitted, reviving the old Kappa chapter. The badge was a three-sided shield displaying the letters "Φ K Α" above an open book. The shield was bounded by circular arcs, the upper one bearing the college name. Many of the alumni of this chapter became Betas.

THE MYSTICAL SEVEN.

The fraternity of the Mystical Seven was founded at Wesleyan University in 1837, by Hamilton Brewer. It was a secret and select society, and its membership was confined for a long time to upper classmen. The fraternity at Wesleyan received into its rank students from the south, who aided in placing branches or chapters, called *temples*, in the southern colleges, so that down to the year 1867 the following chapters were established, the chapters being named after emblems of the fraternity's ritual:

"Wand," Wesleyan University, 1837;

"Sword," Emory College, Georgia, 1841;

"Skull," University of Georgia, 1844;

"Scroll and Pen," Genesee College, New York, 1853;

"Wreath," Centenary College, Louisiana, 1855;

"Star," University of Mississippi, 1858;

"Serpent," Cumberland University, 1867;

"Hands and Torch," University of Virginia, 1867.

The government of the fraternity seems to have been of the loosest nature, and communication between the chapters was infrequent. The fraternal spirit, however, was strong, and while each chapter went on its own way, developing its own practices and customs, all of them took in strong men, and maintained a high standard of scholarship.

In 1858 Emory College passed laws against the fraternities, and the temple there became extinct. But the temple of the "Star," then recently established at the University of Mississippi, took its place. When the war came on, in 1861, the southern chapters at the Universities of Georgia and Mississippi and at Centenary College were extinguished, the chapter at Wesleyan declined, and the one at Genesee College (now the University of Syracuse) was the only one remaining in a really prosperous condition.

At the close of the war, the chapter at the University of Mississippi was promptly revived, and two years later, two new chapters were established, the "Serpent," at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, and the "Hands and Torch," at the University of Virginia, both through the efforts of the members from the University of Mississippi, their charters being granted by the temple of the "Scroll and Pen," that being the oldest living chapter as the one at Wesleyan ceased to exist in 1866.

The circumstances surrounding the extinction of the Wesleyan chapter were peculiar and unusual, and unfortunately have given rise to a controversy difficult to understand by those not directly concerned. In 1865, the Wesleyan chapter being greatly reduced in numbers, ten men who were petitioners for a chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon made an agreement with

the surviving Mystics that they should all become initiated into the Mystical Seven, pending the action upon their petition, and that if the charter were granted these Mystics should also join Delta Kappa Epsilon. This arrangement was carried out, and the Mystical Seven, as a fraternity, was abandoned. The truant members, however, had admired its customs and ritual, and not knowing or caring for the other chapters, they organized a Senior society, to which they confided the ritual of the Mystics, and which admitted members of other fraternities. This society was called the "Owl and Wand" for some sixteen years, and then assumed the title of the "Mystical Seven," and until the union with Beta Theta Pi, about to be described, was fraudulently represented to the Mystic alumni to be a genuine temple of the order.



THE IOWA CHAPTER HOUSE

When the temple at Genesee College learned of the desertion of the members at Wesleyan, and their abandonment of their ritual to a Senior society composed of members drawn from the ranks of its old rivals, it took up the reins of authority. In 1870 Genesee College was moved from Lima, New York, to Syracuse, New York, and rechristened as the University of Syracuse, and the Mystical Seven chapter was transferred with it. But here, also, the notion of belonging to a more widespread fraternity attracted the members, and they, too, sought and obtained a charter from Delta Kappa Epsilon, and abandoned their former relations, but took none of their alumni with them.

The three southern chapters went on, and for a time prospered, but in 1873 the Cumberland chapter graduated all of its members in one class, and none returned to revive it in the fall. In 1878, the chapter at the University of Mississippi became extinct owing to the pressure of opposition from

numerous chartered fraternities and lack of suitable material in the university, and the chapter at the University of Virginia alone remained, but in feeble condition, and in 1880 came near going the way of the rest. But fortunately it was revived, and in 1884-86 established two new chapters, viz:

"Star of the South," University of North Carolina;

"Sword and Shield," Davidson College, North Carolina.

In 1886, the chapter at the University of Virginia heard accidentally that the chapter at Wesleyan was still in existence and opened a correspondence with it. The correspondence, however, languished, owing to a lack of heartiness and fraternal sentiment on behalf of the supposed Wesleyan brothers who were of course simply members of the "Owl and Wand" society and also of other chartered fraternities at Wesleyan.

The three southern chapters showed pluck and energy. They established a periodical called the *Mystic Messenger*, and carried on the work of the fraternity with zeal. For a long time it was a matter of regret to the authorities of the fraternity that the parent chapter at Wesleyan was inactive, and it was decided to take steps to revive it and place it in a condition in accordance with its former reputation. While the methods to accomplish this were under consideration, in 1888, it was learned that Beta Theta Pi was contemplating placing of chapters in Syracuse and Wesleyan, and re-establishing former chapters at the University of North Carolina and Davidson College. It was suggested that if a union could be effected upon honorable terms between these two fraternities, the Mystics might speedily secure the revival of their northern chapters, while theirs in the south would serve a similar purpose for the Beta Theta Pi. Accordingly, the two fraternities met each other in a spirit of accommodation, and such a union was effected in 1890.

The correspondence on the part of Beta Theta Pi was mainly conducted by William R. Baird, Stevens, '78, whose father-in-law, George W. Mansfield, Wesleyan, '58, and a member of the Mystical Seven, materially assisted him.

Herbert Barry, Virginia, '88, at that time executive head of the Mystical Seven, represented his fraternity. Committees were appointed on both sides, and met in New York city, and the terms of union were finally agreed upon. They were, in brief, that the Beta Theta Pi should establish chapters at Wesleyan and Syracuse, which should receive charters as revived chapters of the Mystical Seven, and that similar charters should be issued to the Beta chapters at Cumberland and Mississippi; that the active temples of the Mystics should become chapters of the Beta Theta Pi; and that all of the Mystical alumni of all of the chapters, active and inactive, should be entitled to membership in Beta Theta Pi. The Mystical chapters were granted the privilege of using their peculiar and beautiful ritual, and their name was perpetuated by calling one of the districts of the fraternity the "Mystical Seven" district, and uniting their periodical with the *Beta Theta Pi*, placing after the title of the latter the phrase, "with which is united the *Mystic Messenger*."

The work of tracing and bringing in the alumni of this fraternity was one of great labor. The fraternity never had a catalogue, and it was customary at initiation to give each member a Mystic nickname, such as "Jupiter," "Ajax," "Snooks," "Tecumseh," etc., by which the members were designated thereafter in the records, and identification was therefore, difficult

It is a gratifying coincidence that a number of the sons and relatives of the Mystics of Syracuse and Wesleyan chapters were already Betas, thus establishing at once a cordial and intimate relation with many of the alumni.

SIGMA DELTA PI.

This society (called also the Vitruvian) was organized in September, 1858, by Henry L. Bartholomew, William H. Fessenden, Augustus Livingston, Wilkins W. Potter, John A. Staples, and Charles W. Thompson, all members of the class of '62 in the scientific department of Dartmouth College whence, while a local society, it mainly drew its membership.

The society was incorporated by the legislature of New Hampshire in June, 1871. The name Sigma Delta Pi was the name under which it was organized, but it soon came to be called the Vitruvian also, both names being recognized in its charter. A Beta chapter was founded at Cornell University, but it initiated only fourteen members and soon became extinct. A similar fate also overtook a Gamma chapter which was placed at Wooster University, Ohio, and which died in 1875, after initiating twenty one. The society at Dartmouth always was prosperous. It published two catalogues, one in 1874 and one in 1882. In 1889 it was granted a charter by Beta Theta Pi becoming the Alpha Omega chapter.

ZETA PHI.

This society was founded at the University of Missouri, November 8, 1870. It was due to the direct guidance and inspiration of Oren Root, a member of the faculty, who had been a member of Sigma Phi at Hamilton College, and both its secret work and its badge, which was a monogram of the letters forming the name, bore a strong resemblance to those of Sigma Phi. The following chapters were established:

1870.—Alpha, University of Missouri.

1871.—Sigma, William Jewell College.

1872.—Delta, Washington University, Missouri.

The Delta chapter was short lived, dying in 1874. The Sigma, which was fairly prosperous, was released from its obligation to the fraternity in 1886 to accept a charter from Phi Gamma Delta, which had been offered to it. In 1890 the parent chapter received a charter as a chapter of Beta Theta Pi, after its petition had been before the fraternity two years. All of its alumni became Betas.

CHAPTER XII

THE BETA THETA PI MAGAZINE

THE FIRST DECADE

The first appearance of a project for a magazine under the auspices of the fraternity is in the minutes of the first Convention, held in Cincinnati beginning with Monday, August 15, 1842. A committee was appointed to make a statement regarding further objects of the Association. The chairman, Brother A. W. Hamilton, of the Miami Chapter, reported the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the primary objects of this Association are the promotion of truth and the cultivation of love.
2. Resolved, That in order to attain these objects some methods should be devised in order to bring the talents, attainments and pursuits of each member to bear upon the whole Association.
3. Resolved, That one of these methods should be the establishment, whenever it should be deemed practicable, of literary institutions in our country.
4. Resolved, That another of these methods should be the establishment, as soon as practicable, of a periodical with such object as the Association may designate.
5. Resolved, That for the attainment of these ends provision should be made for the establishment of a society fund by annual contributions from its members.

This ambitious program appears, on close examination, neither so impracticable nor so visionary as might at first be thought, for as a matter of fact the Central West was in great need of institutions of learning. In Ohio, when Beta Theta Pi was founded, there were in existence of the institutions where the fraternity now has Chapters, only Ohio, Miami, Western Reserve, Kenyon and Denison. The actual college work in no one of them had been in progress for more than twenty years.

Across the state line to the west there were only Indiana, De Pauw and Hanover. The fact that one of the founders, Brother Charles H. Hardin, had to ride horseback from Columbia, Missouri, to Bloomington, Indiana, in order to find a place for his education, may have had some bearing upon his later determination to found a college himself for the education of women.

The idea of a magazine also had good reasons behind it, for as yet the Middle West country was without the benefit of such periodicals as now find their way into the most remote parts of these commonwealths. If Beta Theta Pi was to flourish as a literary institution what better reason for existence, or what greater spur to ambition than such as are suggested in these resolutions?

The immediate reception of the resolutions was attended by another one, which read:

"Resolved, That on account of the youth and weakness of the Association, no immediate steps for carrying into effect these resolutions would be expedient, but this committee recommends to the different Chapters and to the members to mature and propose plans for their accomplishment."

This arbitrary closing of the discussion did not rest well, and at the afternoon session the last resolution was reconsidered and the following offered as a substitute:

"Resolved, That this Association establish a periodical to be published monthly and to be sustained by contributions of literary matter from all its members."

The record then indicates that after a very warm and animated discussion this resolution was withdrawn and the matter was left in the form of a recommendation for the thought of the members.

Nothing further in connection with the publication of a fraternity periodical appears in the early Convention minutes until the year 1851, when the Convention was held at Pittsburgh. A committee was appointed on Catalogue and Periodical, which made the following report:

"The committee are of an opinion that the interests of the Association would be greatly benefited and its permanence secured by the publication of a periodical in the style of the best \$3.00 monthlies, under the patronage of the Association, and edited by one of the members, who should receive sufficient compensation to enable him to devote all of his attention to that duty. But, while the committee are fully impressed with the importance and utility of such a publication, on account of the small number of Chapters represented in the Convention, they deem it inexpedient to report any definite plan of publication and would recommend as a preliminary to future action that the recorder of the presiding Chapter be required to correspond with the members for the purpose of ascertaining whether any one can be procured to act as editor of such a publication, and to report to the next Convention."

One of the committees of each convention for years was called the "Committee on Catalogue and Periodical." At the Convention of 1854, held in Cincinnati, that committee reported:

"That though fully alive to the great importance and benefits of a periodical under the control and devoted to the interests of the Association, they are convinced of the present inexpediency, if not impracticability, of establishing and sustaining it, and therefore recommend that no further action be now taken in the matter."

At the Convention of 1856, held in Louisville, Kentucky, the same committee reported:

"With regard to the periodical it is recommended that the project of an independent magazine be abandoned and that the Convention appoint a committee to endeavor to obtain on some terms a claim on the columns of some good magazine, so that articles worthy of publication may appear in it."

With a view to making such arrangements a special committee of three was appointed by the Convention. Nothing apparently was heard from this committee, but at the Convention of 1860, held at Columbus, Ohio, the Committee on Periodical made the following report:

"We think a literary publication composed of contributions from the members of Beta Theta Pi would prove beneficial both to the individual members and to the order generally, but as we can now devise no feasible plan for the immediate establishment thereof, we refer the matter back to the Chapters for further legislation at the next Convention."

The project is again referred to in the minutes of the Convention of 1868, held in Nashville, Tennessee. The report of the presiding chapter reminded the body that the matter of the importance of establishing a Beta magazine had been mentioned in the last Convention, but that action on the matter had been deferred until the present meeting. It recommended that some action be taken by the Convention. Nothing seems to have followed this suggestion.

At the Convention of 1869, held at Columbus, Ohio, the minutes state that Brother R. V. Foster of Mu Chapter, then offered a scheme for the issuing of a monthly fraternity magazine. After the reading of the plan, on motion of Brother Henry A. Delano, of Alpha Eta, the subject was re-

ferred to a committee of three, composed of Henry A. Delano, John Hogarth Lozier, and R. V. Foster. This committee reported as follows:

"Your Committee appointed to consider the propriety of publishing a fraternity monthly magazine would report as follows: That the project of said publication be for the present deferred and held subject to the consideration of some subsequent meeting of the fraternity in Convention, when by the re-establishment of numerous Chapters in the South and new Chapters in other parts of the country, the triumph of so large an enterprise may be the better secured."

The long cherished ambition of Beta Theta Pi finally found fruition on December 15, 1872, when, from Alexandria, Virginia, Volume I, No. 1 of *Beta Theta Pi* made its appearance. It was edited by Charles Duy Walker, the General Secretary of the fraternity. It was an eight-page paper with a type page about $7\frac{3}{4}$ by 11 inches, each page having three columns. The matter published made the paper a cross between the oft-contemplated literary periodical and the fraternity magazine of today. A short poem on "Hope, Faith, Love" found place with the Convention poem, "Bliffkins and the Bard," by E. E. Edwards, the latter almost filling two pages. There was another poem on "Birthdays." An entire page was given to an article on "Captain Marryat." A speech of George D. Prentice on "Shall We Meet Again?", an acrostic of Beta Theta Pi and some short column fillers completed the "literary" side. Chapter letters, personals, official notices, marriage notices, an obituary, a bit of doggerel Latin, an editorial or two and an advertisement of fraternity jewelry were the other features. The principal editorial follows:

"At the 30th Annual Convention, held in Columbus, Ohio, in July, 1869, Mu Chapter submitted a plan for the establishment of a Monthly Fraternity Magazine. After discussing the plan, it was referred to a special committee of three, who, after careful examination, reported that they deemed it unadvisable to enter so large an undertaking in the then crippled state of the Southern Chapters—upon this recommendation the matter was deferred.

"Since that Convention the number of Chapters has been increased by one-half, and most of the Southern Chapters have regained their former prosperity. In the last three years Beta Theta Pi has made giant strides, her territory has been greatly enlarged, the tone of her Chapters has been elevated, and older and better men have guided her. More than all, there has been a great increase of interest among our Alumni, as evidenced in the formation of Alumni Chapters, and the active part taken in the Conventions of 1869-70-71-72.

"These things being so, we feel assured that the time has come when it is not only practicable to support a Fraternity paper, but absolutely necessary for our well being that we should have one. If we, having this opportunity, take advantage of our present prosperity, and work faithfully and lovingly, we must very soon overtop all rivals in the generous strife of excellence. No one thing can work more powerfully to bring about this consummation than a good Fraternity periodical. By this means unified, consolidated, centralized, the great strong heart of Beta Theta Pi will never again throb feebly, but with glad firm beat make music in the ears of her loving sons.

"The present effort owes its inception to a firm conviction of the truth of what we have just said. It is a tentative one; originates with a single member, but must not be left entirely in his hands. As the exponent of the Fraternity, the Fraternity will be held responsible for it. If it gains honor, Beta Theta Pi will be honored. If it is unworthy so will she have shame brought upon her. But it can not prove unworthy, if the men of brains who have gathered around the altar of Wooglin lend their hearty co-operation. This we trust they will do, and we ask help from each and every one of them.

"We have said that a periodical would be of infinite advantage to us. It remains for us to show how. A peculiar characteristic of our Fraternity is the strong attachment evinced toward it by those who are no longer active members. To foster this spirit is a matter of prime importance to us. How can it be better done than by the establishment of a certain means of communication among these our Alumni, enabling

them to keep posted about friends and comrades, now that by the cares and duties of life other correspondence is rendered impossible! How can we better increase their interest in Fraternity affairs than by making them familiar with what is being done. This is what we can do for them through a paper. Now what can they do for us? Very naturally we take pride in their success in life, and look to them as our examples. They must remember this; that they are bound to us by peculiar ties, and have upon them the noble responsibility of setting us such examples as may be worthy our imitation. They must strive then, that the pages of our paper may bear such a record of them as to make us eager for like lives. Not only this, we will heed their advice and hear their instructions more gladly than that of others. Here then in these pages let their words of wisdom be given to us.

"Now to those who are still at College—what advantage can it be to you? Much every way. You cannot be educated men until you can write if not eloquently at least clearly. This paper opens a field for you unlike others, where your faults will be treated with a brother's tenderness, yet pointed out with a brother's candor. Let there be a generous emulation among Chapters to send articles with the true ring.

"A word with regard to the carrying on of this paper; the present editor can make no promises. Had he the capacity, he is so harrassed by numerous duties, that the composition of such articles as ought to give tone to our paper would be practically impossible, for sheer want of time—yet he loves Beta Theta Pi earnestly and honestly, and will gladly devote his few hours of relaxation to the mechanical part of getting up each number, and the shaping of matter not requiring special thought. Brothers! help him with might and main!"

The editor's general plan had been indicated in a circular letter which he had distributed in September.

OFFICE GENERAL SECRETARY BETA THETA PI.

September 28, 1872.

I. The undersigned purposes publishing, as soon as he can get an assured list of two hundred subscribers, a four-page newspaper, medium size, to be called "*The Beta Theta Pi*," and to be devoted solely and entirely to the interests of the fraternity.

II. This paper will not aspire to the position of a literary periodical, but will be simply the official organ of the presiding chapter—a medium of correspondence between chapters, and a means of keeping bright among our alumni the memories of college life, letting them see where friends and classmates are, and that the boys are encouraged by their success to make more strenuous efforts.

III. The price of the *Beta Theta Pi* will be \$1.50 per annum—two hundred subscribers will just meet expenses. All beyond that will go to the improvement and enlargement of the paper. It is expected that every Beta who receives this circular, or who hears of this enterprise, will consider himself an agent, and will make strenuous and immediate effort to secure additions to the subscription list.

IV. Each chapter is earnestly requested to secure at least ten subscribers from its active members and alumni. By clubbing, three or four copies ought to be taken in each chapter. Let every man who can subscribe. Help the work now, and in time it will help itself, and do its utmost for the honor of Beta Theta Pi.

V. Each chapter is requested to appoint a special committee, whose duty shall be to prepare for the paper every month a complete and thorough synopsis of college and chapter events, including under this head chapter officers and members, their names, classes, etc.; personal items concerning alumni, especially those of last session; college success for the year as to number and standing of students; literary society celebrations, especially when Betas take part; commencements, especially where Betas take honors, etc. Appoint this committee at once, and send the chairman's name to the editor.

VI. Each chapter is requested to elect from its alumni a historiographer, who shall prepare a history of the foundation, progress and success of the chapter.

VII. Anonymous articles of a general character will be received; but the editor reserves to himself the right of rejecting whatever he pleases.

VIII. Every alumnus, in sending his subscription, will please tell what he is at, and what he knows of other Betas.

IX. This work is not undertaken from personal motives, but for the honor of Beta Theta Pi. Every Beta is interested in the work, and should do whatever he can for its advancement.

In _____ and _____,

Address Box 231, Alexandria, Virginia.

CHARLES D. WALKER.

Beta Theta Pi.

"ALERE FLAMMAM."

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., DECEMBER 15, 1872

NO. 1.

HOPE, FAITH, LOVE.

SELECTED.

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Three words, as with a burning pen,
In letters of eternal light,
Upon the hearts of men.

Have **HOPE**! Though clouds environ now,
And gladness hides her face with scorn,
Put thou the shadows from thy brow:
No night but hath its morn.

Have **FAITH**! Whene'er thy bark is driven.
The calm'st disport, the tempest's mirth—
Know this—God rules the host of Heaven,
The inhabitants of earth.

Have **LOVE**! Not love alone for one;
But man, as man, thy brother call
And scatter like the circling Sun,
Thy charities on all.

Thus gave these lessons on thy soul,
Hope, Faith and Love, and thou shalt find,
Strength, when life's wildest billows roll—
Light, when thou else wert blind.

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These things being so, we feel assured that the time has come when it is not only practicable to support a Fraternity paper, but absolutely necessary for our well being that we should have one. If we, having this opportunity, take advantage of our present prosperity, and work faithfully and lovingly, we must very soon overtop all rivals in the generous strife for excellence. No one thing can work more powerfully to bring about this consummation than a good Fraternity peri-

odical. By this means unified, consolidated, centralizing the great strong heart of BETA THETA PI will never again throb feebly, but with glad firm beat make music in the ears of her loving sons.

The present effort owes its inception to a firm conviction of the truth of what we have just said. It is a tentative one; originates with a single member, but must not be left entirely in his hands. As the exponent of the Fraternity; the Fraternity will be held responsible for it. If it gains honor, Beta Theta Pi will be honored. It is unworthy so will she have shame brought upon her. But it cannot prove unworthy, if the men of brains who have gathered around the altar of Wooglin lend their hearty co-operation. This we trust they will do, and we ask help from each and every one of them.

We have said that a periodical would be of infinite advantage to us. It remains for us to show how. A peculiar characteristic of our Fraternity is the strong attachment evinced towards it by those who are no longer active members. To foster this spirit is a matter of prime importance to us. How can it be better done than by the establishment of a certain means of communication among these our Alumni; enabling them to keep posted about friends and comrades, now that by the cares and duties of life, other correspondence is rendered impossible! How can we better increase their interest in Fraternity affairs than by making them familiar with what is being done. This is what we can do for them through a paper. Now what can they do for us? Very naturally we take pride in their success in life, and look to them as our examples. They must remember this; that they are bound to us by peculiar ties, and have upon them the noble responsibility of setting us such examples as may be worthy our imitation.—They must strive then, that the pages of our paper may bear such a record of them as to make us eager for like lives. Not only this, we will heed their advice and hear their instructions more gladly than that of others.—Here then in these pages let their words of wisdom be given to us.

Now to those who are still at College—what advantage can it be to you? much every way. You cannot be educated men until you can write if not eloquently, at least clearly. This paper opens a field for you unlike others, where your faults will be treated with a brother's tenderness, yet pointed out with a brother's candor. Let there be a generous emulation among Chapters to send articles with the true ring.

A word with regard to the carrying on of this paper; the present editor can make no promises. Had he the capacity, he is so harassed by numerous duties, that the composition of such articles as ought to give tone to our paper would be practically impossible, for sheer want of time—yet he loves

Beta Theta Pi earnestly and honestly, and will gladly devote his few hours of relaxation to the mechanical part of getting up each number, and the shaping of matter not requiring special thought. Brothers! help him with might and main.

EPSILON CHAPTER AND THE MINUTES.

A letter from EPSILON CHAPTER, to the Corresponding Secretary of another Chapter, complains that the reference to them in the last minutes gives them a bad appearance to the Fraternity at large, and one among which they stand in a false position.—That, in fact, so far from having been prompted or governed by improper motives, they were only actuated by the sincerest regard for the Fraternity at large and for the honor of their brother, in the action which they took.

Now while we do not propose to enter into any discussion of the matter, as this would be both contrary to the wishes of Epsilon Chapter and our own—we desire to say that Epsilon's claim for purity of motives throughout the whole matter both before and since the Convention should be allowed.

It was the fortune of the writer of this article to be well acquainted with all the circumstances in this case as they occurred at Epsilon Chapter, and also to be present at the meetings of the Committee that drafted the report presented to the Convention. The central thought aimed at by the Committee was that no person has a right to sever his connection from a Chapter, or the Fraternity, save by expulsion.

No improper motives were attributed by the Committee to Epsilon—but there was a decided expression of disapproval of the manner adopted for reaching the end.

It is hard to place the matter correctly before the reader, without recounting the history of the entire transaction, but it is proper to say that it was not the wish of the four mentioned in the head note of the report in the minutes to sever their connection with Epsilon, and hence they feel that the censure of the Committee leaves a wrong impression, and an odium upon them which they do not deserve.

At present everything at Epsilon is tranquil. They have a fine Chapter of thirteen good, steady working, whole-souled Betas, and propose to efface any trace of censure that may have rested upon them, by being the best-working Chapter in the Fraternity.

C.

May abundant success attend her efforts—even had she been wrong, her sisters would long ago have forgotten, and forgiven.—Ed.

In the second number was begun a series of timely and valuable papers upon constitutional subjects, collectively called "The Beta Federalist," which series was concluded in five papers, viz.:

"Rights and Obligations of Chapters," by C. D. Walker; "Federal Union of Chapters," by O. R. Brouse; "Relation of Betaism to Christianity," by J. N. Rosebro; "Rights and Obligations of Members," by F. T. Blakemore; "The National Convention," anonymous.

In the January number the "Directory of Beta Theta Pi" was first inserted. The alumni news was full and fresh, though the editor did not use up all his space, but filled in with miscellaneous literary matter. In the March number the subscription list was published, the total number of subscribers being 166, of which the chapter at Ohio University contributed 17, the largest number of any single chapter.

Other articles in this volume were one on Syracuse University, by George W. Elliott, Ψ Y, of that university, written at the instance of Dr. Edward B. Stevens, Miami, '43; a discussion on the advisability of establishing chapters at Randolph-Macon and Columbia Colleges, and accounts of the establishment of the chapters at Northwestern and Wisconsin Universities. In the November number was a new Legend of Wooglin, by William A. Stanton, Hanover, '75. The magazine closed its first volume a good many dollars in debt.

There is no more fitting place than this to call the attention of the younger and newer generations of Betas to the rare, loving and fraternal character of Charles Duy Walker. He was born of an old Virginia family. He was an earnest student, and when thoroughly prepared entered the Virginia Military Institute in 1860, whence he was graduated in 1869 as the first "star graduate." He served during the Civil War in the V. M. I. Cadets in the Confederate army, and was wounded at the battle of New Market. He returned to the V. M. I. in 1866, and immediately after his graduation was made a professor in the institute. In 1870 and 1871 he prepared the "Memorial Volume of the Virginia Military Institute," a record of the deeds of its students who had fallen in the Confederate cause. He was an earnest worker for the fraternity, and was soon appointed to prominent official positions. After he left the Institute, in 1872, he spent three years at the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, preparing for the ministry, and died suddenly in 1877. An old friend of his, and a member of the Alpha Tau Omega, writes of him, "Charlie Walker never had an enemy," which is a rare character, indeed, for a man of brains to possess. He was the author of "Wooglin's Christmas Song," in our song book.

The convention of 1873 met at Cincinnati, December 29. At this convention the *Beta Theta Pi* was made the official organ of the fraternity. The convention directed that it should be continued under the same management, but should not be printed during the summer months. Charles D. Walker was elected editor until July, 1874, after which date John I. Covington was to relieve him of the burden.

Accordingly, we find Vol. II, No. 1, bearing date January, 1874, issued from Baltimore, with Bayley K. Kirkland, V. M. I. '71, as publisher. The size was changed to the small quarto, double-columned form, which was so long continued, and the paper and printing were vastly improved. In the first editorial it was stated that the sum of \$300 would carry the enterprise through. The editor also noted:

"This paper begins a second volume under happier auspices than it did the first. Then it was an attempt unauthorized by the fraternity; now it is the regularly constituted organ of the fraternity controlled by its Convention, responsible in its accounts to that body, continued or discontinued by their action, and in fact fully adopted as the property of the society."

The first number contained little but convention news; a new feature also was the Directory, arranged by districts. The title was printed in Greek. The March number contained a summary of the conventions of the fraternity, and a notable letter from Louis Chauvenet, of the chapter at Washington University, St. Louis. In April, the article on Beta conventions was supplemented by information from David W. Cooper, Washington and Jefferson, '74. The first intimations of periodical fraternity literature other than that of Beta Theta Pi were made in this number by the publication of notes relating to some of the fraternities, taken from the *Chi Phi Quarterly* for January, 1874. In June, "Recollections of 1839," by John Reily Knox, form a most valuable contribution to our historical information; and the editor, in his valedictory, urges that more hearty support should be given to the magazine. His reasons why the journal should be supported are worth quoting here:

"There is no reason for want of success if the members of the fraternity will only give it proper support. This they must do. First of all, every active member should subscribe; the price is not large enough to be beyond the means of any one who is able to attend college. If one member of the order can give valuable time from his own pressing business, or from hours when he is entitled to rest, to do work for the order that is worth hundreds of dollars, it is a shame if each and every one of his brothers does not support him at least to the extent of the few cents necessary for subscription."

But, alas! the words of Brother Walker were not heeded, for the paper suspended for lack of support from July, 1874, to January, 1876.

The Evansville convention of 1875 recognized the necessity for continuing the magazine, and ordered that it be re-established, with the subscription price at \$1.50 per annum, and assessed the amount upon each active member.

We find Vol. III, No. 1, issued from Chicago, dated January 1, 1876, and under the editorial care of Olin R. Brouse, De Pauw, '66, and D. H. Cheney, Northwestern, '76. The position of editors of the journal had been thrust upon these brothers by the Evansville convention, without going through the formality of asking their consent, and the editors opened their career with an apology, but with an expressed determination to succeed. A statement was made of its necessities, and it met with good support.

The first number contained a letter from John H. Duncan, one of the founders of the fraternity, and an account of the revitalizing of Lambda chapter at the University of Michigan.

A new feature was added, called "Among the Greeks," which was a melange of personals, news items and familiar admonitions furnished by the editors and served to enliven its contents. The February number contained the first four articles of the Sigma Chi constitution, and considerable statistical information concerning college secret societies, taken from the Syracuse University *Herald*.

In March another statement was made of the condition of the magazine, by which it appeared that the total number of subscribers was 197, which, with the advertisements, was just enough to pay expenses.

The editors made the magazine a success, and there is not a single uninteresting number in the volume. The chapter letters were full, the editorials interesting and the personal column spicy; and when the editors laid down their pens they had reason to congratulate themselves.

The convention of 1876 met at Philadelphia in July, and elected as editors E. J. Gantz, Bethany, '75, and John L. Dickey, Washington and Jefferson, '76. Brother Dickey was obliged to resign, and Brother Gantz was compelled to carry on the enterprise alone. The first number was issued by him September, 1876, and was dated from Quaker City, Ohio, and was entitled Vol. III, No. 7. During this management it seriously deteriorated in mechanical execution and literary excellence, but the chapter letters contained in this volume rather increased in number and quality, and interest in the journal seemed to be deepening. The volume closed in December with the announcement of the establishment of a chapter at Boston University.

Volume IV began in January, 1877, and Brother Gantz's supervision ended with No. 6, in June. The first four numbers were dated Quaker City, Ohio, and the last two Barnesville, Ohio. There was little that was new in this volume, with the exception of a vigorous criticism of the condition, prospects, organization and government of the fraternity from the pen of Walter E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan, '77, appearing in the number for May, 1877, and which indirectly caused a decided improvement in such matters during the two years succeeding.

The Detroit convention of 1877 elected George C. Rankin, Monmouth, '72, John R. Berry, Monmouth, '72, and John A. Robison, Monmouth, '77, editors, and the first number issued under their supervision in September, from Monmouth, Illinois, was styled Vol. IV, No. 7. In this number appeared the minutes of the Detroit convention of 1877, and an interesting letter from Robert K. Charles, South Carolina, '62, in regard to the dead chapters in North and South Carolina.

The October number contained extracts "From the diary of a Beta who was bound to attend the convention," which, it is thought, was written by John S. Goodwin, De Pauw, '77. An editorial note about it said:

In order to show the fraternity at large that it is not necessary to stay away from our conventions because one does not happen to be "rolling in wealth," at our earnest request, a brother, whose pocketbook bears no proportion to his Beta enthusiasm, gives us permission to publish that part of his diary which relates to his convention experience. He traveled over five hundred miles, had a glorious time, saw all the sights, gained five pounds of flesh in the week, and got home, all on ten dollars. Even then he privately owned up to us that he had been extravagant, and hardly knew what his father would say to him.—ED.

This number, also, contained the sad announcement of the death of Brother Walker.

The subscriptions came in steadily, and the size and quality of the paper was improved. In this volume, which was concluded by No. 10, issued in December, 1877, there was begun a number of articles upon the general condition and policy of the fraternity, upon the expediency of establishing chapters, and other Beta matters of interest, which did much to create the sentiment which brought the changes of 1879.

Volume V began with January, 1878, under the same management, and in the April number Don A. Garwood, Michigan, '81, presented certain arguments in favor of publishing the fraternity constitution, and precipitated a discussion upon that subject which lasted a year and more.

No. 6, and the last published at Monmouth, closed with a list of three hundred paid subscriptions. This final number contained a memorial on the condition of the fraternity, by John S. Goodwin, De Pauw, Walter E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan, '77, and Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, which had great influence in shaping the policy of the fraternity.

The convention of 1878, held at Indianapolis, re-elected George C. Rankin editor of the journal, but he was unable to serve again, and the presiding



WALTER E. DENNISON

Ohio Wesleyan, '77

chapter at Wittenberg College, Ohio, took charge of the business management, selecting Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, as editor. Brother Robb, thus selected, continued upon the staff of the magazine for many years, giving faithful and enthusiastic service to the fraternity, and service of such a nature as only those who worked with him can properly appreciate. A cover was added for this volume, and its mechanical execution was a trifle improved. The volume opened with a reprint of the minutes of the convention and the report in full of the special committee on the constitution, appointed by the Detroit convention of 1877. This volume, which closed in December, 1878, and Volume VI, which contained six numbers from January

to June, 1879, are chiefly interesting from the discussion carried on by the chapters concerning the proposed open publication of the constitution.

An earnest fight, too, to place a chapter in Kenyon College, took up much space. The chapter letters were very good. Volume VI was, upon the whole, the best volume which had as yet been published. Ben. S. Grosscup and H. A. Markel, Wittenberg, '79, were the business managers, and it was dated from Springfield, Ohio.

The fortieth convention was held at Cincinnati in September, 1879, and elected as editors John I. Covington of Miami and Willis O. Robb, Sylvester G. Williams and W. E. Dennison, of Ohio Wesleyan. The first number of Volume VII was issued from Cincinnati in October, and showed improvement. It was a forty-page, double-column monthly, and was edited with an ability that would have done credit to many older periodicals. The business management was improved, and vigorous work was expended in increasing the subscription list. Besides the full report of the convention, the October number contained a list of the conventions of the fraternity by the historiographer, the constitution, and a new feature in the addition of a column of news items concerning fraternities other than Beta Theta Pi.

In the second number of this volume the editors began the publication of a series of letters written by the Betas of various chapters to each other in the early days of the fraternity. These letters contain much historical data, which is thus preserved to the fraternity. The number also contained an account of the last official acts of the fraternity of Alpha Sigma Chi, which in October had become an integral part of the Beta Theta Pi. A successful effort was made to increase the "personal" department of the paper. The April number, 1880, contained extracts from the journals of one or two other fraternities, and properly credited the information—then a new departure in fraternity journalism.

Vol. VIII, No. 1, was issued in October, 1880, under the care of the same board of editors excepting Walter Dennison, who had moved to California. The first number, containing the account of the Baltimore convention, was a brilliant one, though the change in chapter nomenclature made by the convention was the cause of many minor typographical errors. In the November number, a list of missing Betas which the catalogue committee had been unable to find was published, and an article defining the fraternity status of the founders of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity who were also members of Psi chapter at Bethany College.

The January number for 1881 contained the complete subscription list. In February, the editors continued the publication of old correspondence. In May, specimen pages of the catalogue of 1881, with a *facsimile* of the poster to be used by Alpha chapter in connection with its list were published. The volume of 222 pages of reading matter closed with the June number.

Volume IX opened with the September number, and continued under the same editorial management, with the addition of William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78. The doings of the Chicago convention completely filled the number, which contained 48 pages of matter. A new cover¹ was adopted for

¹ The design for this cover except for the title of the magazine in the central panel was copied from a German work on ancient history published at Leipsic. It is quite appropriate to its original purpose but not very suitable for the use to which it was transferred.

this volume. In October the editors added a directory of all the lawyers in the fraternity, a feature which was continued for some two years.

The November number contained an editorial which, in its ultimate effect, has had a great and constantly increasing influence upon the fraternity world; we quote:

The Chicago convention adopted a resolution instructing the board of directors to take what action might seem to them advisable to secure the coöperation of the leading college fraternities in a movement to discourage and abolish the practice of forming combinations for political purposes as to college elections. * * * The novel feature of the resolution is its introduction of the idea of coöperation with other fraternities. If carried into execution, this would be, we think, the first attempt yet made to obtain common action by different and rival college societies. Everybody who has given the matter any attention knows that the last few years have been marked by an increasing friendliness of disposition among the several general fraternities, and all true friends of the fraternity system have rejoiced at the fact. That action in concert upon matters of common interest may be looked for as one of the incidents of the near future in the fraternity world can hardly be doubted. Indeed, we look forward with confidence to a not distant time when an ecumenical conference of fraternity men will be held and arrangements made which will greatly strengthen the good feeling now developing so rapidly.

We may add that while this coöperation was never formally secured by the Board of Directors, yet it settled the policy of the fraternity, and encouraged other similar societies to take a stand against a growing evil.

The resolution was suggested by W. C. Ransom, of Michigan, moved by E. J. Brown, of Hanover, and seconded by H. M. Atkinson, of the University of Virginia, and the full text of it is as follows:

WHEREAS, The Beta Theta Pi fraternity has for many years set its face as a flint, and has even incorporated an article in its constitution, in opposition to combinations as a fraternity for the purpose of effecting elections to college offices and honors; and

WHEREAS, Such combinations have been recognized as one of the vices of the fraternity system; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and is hereby instructed to take such measures as may to them seem most advisable to secure the co-operation of the leading college fraternities in a movement to discourage and abolish the practice of making combinations for the purpose of effecting elections to college offices and honors.

The December, 1881, number followed up this suggestion by an editorial, written by W. O. Robb, of Ohio Wesleyan, entitled a "Pan-Hellenic Council," in which he swept away objections to the proposed council, and then, after stating many and good reasons why such a conference would be beneficial, named several topics which he deemed proper subjects for discussion at such a meeting. This editorial was widely copied and commented upon by the fraternity press.

Articles upon prominent American colleges, begun in the first number of this volume, continued to be issued during this volume and the next.

The December number announced the completion of the catalogue of 1881 and contained an analytical list of the Betas who had become prominent in various ways. The March number contained a condensed list of college fraternities, with their chapters, membership, etc., and an article called "Greek Accents," describing the exchange system then recently adopted among the journals of the several fraternities. The volume closed with an appeal to attend the Cincinnati convention. During the year the magazine had made considerable progress in establishing friendly relations with rival Greek orders, while it had continued to advance in other lines.



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CHAPTER XIII
THE BETA THETA PI MAGAZINE
FROM 1882 TO 1893

Volume X commenced with October, 1882, and with a changed management. John I. Covington, Miami, '70, and Sylvester G. Williams, Ohio Wesleyan, '77, were made managing directors. Four literary editors—Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, William C. Sprague, Denison, '81, Charles M. Hepburn, Virginia, '80, and William R. Baird—were selected, and two business managers—Frank M. Joyce, De Pauw, '82, and Edw. W. Runyan, Ohio Wesleyan, '82—were entrusted with the duty of supervising the publication. The legal directory was cut down to the names of those who were actually paying for the privilege of being enrolled in it.

An able article upon the "prep" question, by William A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, was a feature of the November number, and in this number the General Secretary also introduced a "calendar" of events to the attention of the fraternity.

By the "prep" question was meant the question whether the fraternity would continue to initiate students in the sub-freshman or preparatory classes of the colleges. In the absence of high schools such preparatory departments were universally maintained and "prep" students were for many years counted as part of the student body.

In December, the General Secretary began the publication of the names of all the members initiated since the convention of 1881. In January, the editors sent the following letter to the editors of the several fraternity journals:

CINCINNATI, O., January 13, 1881.

DEAR SIR—A suggestion made not long ago by a writer in the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, as to a meeting of fraternity editors, has met with very general favor. It has seemed to many that such a meeting might prove to be the best method of preparing the way for the widely discussed Pan-Hellenic Council, as well as to afford a means of arriving at an understanding upon many points of interest to the editors of fraternity papers and fraternities at large.

Having waited in vain for some of its co-laborers in the field of fraternity journalism to take the initiative in this movement, the *Beta Theta Pi*, by virtue rather of its seniority in age than of any other claim to leadership, ventures to submit the following propositions to the several fraternity organs:

First—That a meeting of fraternity editors be held on Thursday, February 22, 1883, at New York, Philadelphia or Washington, as the majority of the papers may prefer.

Second—That, inasmuch as the discussion of a plan for a Pan-Hellenic Council will be one of the prominent objects of the meeting, invitations be sent to the several fraternities of the country to send representatives to the conference. It seems advisable to make this or some similar provision, since several fraternities have already appointed committees of coöperation with respect to the proposed Pan-Hellenic Council; and in any discussion of that subject these fraternities should, of course, be represented by the committees of their own choosing, rather than by their editors, or other members; and such fraternities as have neither editors nor committees of coöperation (in which number are several of the best orders in the country) can also have secured to them in this way a representation in the Pan-Hellenic Council. Of course, this would not interfere with the holding of separate sessions by the fraternity editors present, to discuss matters of interest to them alone.

You are requested, therefore, to transmit to this office, *immediately*, notice of your approval or disapproval of the date named above, and of your preference among the places of meeting suggested. Also, your opinion as to the second proposition—the inviting of others than editors to the gathering. Suggestions are asked upon any points that occur to you.

We will take the responsibility of executing the wishes of the majority of the brethren of the fraternity press, and will immediately notify you of the details of the plan, as determined by your votes.

Fraternally yours,

The Editors of the Beta Theta Pi.

This was followed in February by the following letter, and on February 22nd the fraternity meeting was actually held at Philadelphia.

THE BETA THETA PI EDITORIAL ROOMS, }
5 W. Third St., Cincinnati O., Feb. 10, 1883. }

Dear Sir—The editors of the several fraternity journals (the *Star* and *Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi; the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, the *Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta, the *Sigma Chi*, the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, and the *Beta Theta Pi*) have arranged for a conference, to be held at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, February 22, 1883, at 11 a. m. One of the subjects to be discussed is the widely-mooted inter-fraternity or Pan-Hellenic Council; and it is hoped that details of a plan for such a council (to be held in, say, two years) may be agreed upon at the conference of the 22nd, ready for submission to the several fraternities at their next annual convention. The editors above named would like to have representatives of as many fraternities as possible meet with them at the time and place given, for a discussion of this project. It will, of course, be a purely, informal meeting, and no fraternity will, in any way, be bound by its results; but it is hoped that you will see that your fraternity has at least one fraternity member present (besides its editor, if it has one), to consult with those of other orders upon the subject named. As the time is short, it need not be considered necessary to have your grand chapter appoint a delegate with special powers, but if you will kindly select, as General Secretary, a member of your order who can conveniently be at the meeting, every purpose of this call will be served. Please notify the undersigned of your action, if you see fit to take any.

Very respectfully,

The Editors of the Beta Theta Pi.

The January number contained an editorial on the relations of a fraternity man to his college, and a review of the "Secret Society System," both of which articles were copied by nearly the entire fraternity press.

The March number contained an account of the Pan-Hellenic meeting at Philadelphia, and an article entitled "Our Constitutional Development," showing the changes in our law from 1839 to 1865. The *Beta Theta Pi*, having been drowned out by a flood at Cincinnati, gave its readers a picture of the condition of the city during its submergence.

The objects of alumni chapters and a consideration of the fraternity fight at Purdue¹ takes up much of the space of the April number, and a review of the Psi Upsilon *Diamond* justly satirized that unfortunate periodical.

The June, 1883, number, closing Volume X, presents an account of General Secretary Wambaugh's trip to the eastern chapters, an account of Saratoga, for the benefit of convention-goers, and a tabulated record of the membership of the fraternity in the Federal and Confederate armies during the war.

¹This was a litigation begun by a student at Purdue who had been excluded from the university because he was a member of Sigma Chi. At first admission was denied him but the decision was reversed on appeal. For a full account of the case see *American College Fraternities* 6th Ed., p. 464.

Volume XI was under a new management. John I. Covington, Miami, '71, and William F. Boyd, Ohio, '66, were managing directors, Chambers Baird, Harvard, '82, was editor-in-chief, and with him were associated Wm. R. Baird, Stevens, '78, and Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, while Marshall P. Drury, Knox, '70, Edward L. Martin, De Pauw, '84, and Samuel S. Kauffman, Wittenberg, '83, were made business managers. The volume opened with a number for October, 1883, which contained a good account of the Saratoga convention, of the inception of the plan of Charles J. Seaman, Denison, '71, for establishing an alumni club and summer resort which later developed into the Wooglin enterprise, the address in full of Chancellor Charles N. Sims, De Pauw, '59, made before the convention, the response of Major Ransom to the address of welcome, and a good article by Sylves-



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ter G. Williams, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, on the future of the fraternity. The usual melange of chapter letters, personals and fraternity notes conclude the number. The November number contained the convention poem, a biographical sketch of Gov. Hoadly, a long literary article on the first Latin Renaissance, a sketch of Harvard, and the first suggestion of uniting the chapter letters into an annual, by William C. White, Hampden-Sidney, '80.

In December, under the title of "Fraternity Studies," William R. Baird, Stevens, '78, contributed the first of a series of articles on the fraternity, which continued through seven numbers; the Harvard articles were concluded, and another literary article, entitled, "A Fragment of Roman History," appeared. A discussion was also commenced regarding the questions of large and small chapters, and killing or nursing weak ones. In this number appeared the first chapter letter from the Amherst chapter, which was instituted October 12, 1883, by initiating the members of the Torch and

Crown, a local society organized by members of the class of 1881-'82, and a letter announcing the repeal of the anti-fraternity laws of Vanderbilt University. The number concluded with the statistics attached to the secretary's report at the convention.

The January, 1884, number contained an article entitled, "Out of the World," by Chambers Baird, Harvard, '82, detailing the experiences of a visit to Minot's Ledge light house. The number also contained a good series of editorials and fraternity notes. In the February number appeared an article on "The Revolutionary Treaty with France," by Wm. B. Burnet, Iowa, '79. Also the first announcement of the Wooglin club, with a map and a commendatory notice by the editor. The March number contained an article on Princeton, by F. M. Walker. Martin H. Albin, Randolph-Macon, wrote a letter furthering the plan of sending out the annual letter of the chapters in a special number of the magazine.

In April appeared an article on "Religion and Secret Societies," by Solon Louer, Western Reserve, '86; in May, one by John I. Covington, on the graves of Goldsmith and Gray, near London, and "Through the Annisquam River," by Chambers Baird. These, with an article in the June number, entitled, "From College Training into Intellectual Life," comprised the literary articles of the volume. A formal account of the installation of the Vanderbilt chapter, and the articles of incorporation of the alumni club, were contained in the April number.

Volume XII contained six numbers, having been changed to a bi-monthly. It still displayed the "Owl and Dragon" cover. Willis O. Robb was the editor; Francis W. Shepardson, Chambers Baird and William R. Baird were associates, and Frank M. Joyce, De Pauw, '82, was business manager. An unusual amount of news from other fraternities was a feature of the volume, and it was made notable by three pieces of fiction which were widely copied, and excited general commendation: viz., "Grif's Candidate," November, 1884; "His Second Degree," January, 1885, and the "Minutes of the Diogenes Club," the latter, by Syl. G. Williams, being continued in desultory fashion through three volumes. The management in November announced that purely literary articles would no longer be printed, and this has continued to be the rule. In November appeared the report of the committee on alumni chapters, with the model set of by-laws for such chapters. A good department of chapter letters was also maintained, and there were articles of excellence reviewing the Psi Upsilon *Epitome* and the "History of Omega chapter of Sigma Chi" and upon the University of Rochester, the latter by William C. Sheppard, Denison, '85. The number for July, 1885, contained an index to the first eleven volumes of the magazine, from December, 1872, to June, 1884, by William A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79. The social life of the fraternity was emphasized by an article on "Life at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua" in the September number, and an illustrated article on the alumni club in the July number. On the whole, this volume reached a high level. During this year it was easily the leader of the Greek press, and worthily maintained its supremacy.

Volume XIII., under the management of Eugene Wambaugh, Ohio Wesleyan, '75, as editor-in-chief, with Francis W. Shepardson, William C.

¹ So far as is known to the editor this was the first fictitious story dealing with a fraternity subject ever written.

Sprague, Denison, '81, and Richard L. Fearn, Stevens, '84, as associates, and Frank M. Joyce as business manager, opened with the number for September, 1885. The outward appearance of the magazine was changed, a plain blue cover being substituted for the brown owl and dragon. The volume consisted of ten numbers, and it appeared with regularity. Notable articles were on Miami University, by Charles M. Hepburn, Virginia, '80, whose father (Andrew D. Hepburn, Jefferson, '51) had for many years been a professor at the university, *apropos* of the re-opening of the institution; "Betas in Public Life," by Charles B. Ketcham, De Pauw, '80, the announcement of whose death was contained in the number succeeding that in which his article was printed, and two stories in the January number, dealing with problems of undergraduate fraternity life, under the headings, "A Prodigal at Commersly," and "Another Prodigal." The May number also contained some notes on the inactive chapters at Monmouth and Chicago, by Francis W. Shepardson Denison, '82.

The February, March and April numbers were combined in one, under the title, "Hand-Book of 1886." It was compiled by the editor, Eugene Wambaugh, and contained 14 pages of notes upon the history of the fraternity from 1881 to 1885, and a full list of all the members admitted since the convention of 1881, arranged by chapters in the order of their initiation, and prefaced by notes on the colleges in which the several chapters were located. These notes gave sufficient and useful information concerning the college, the different fraternities, and the parts which the members of the chapter had played in general fraternity movements. It concluded with an alphabetical index and a geographical distribution of the members' names. It was a splendid and successful piece of work, and demonstrated the supreme usefulness of the system of reporting initiations and transfers which had been adopted in 1881.

Volume XIV, 1886-7, was a quarterly—a form which was continued for three years. Chambers Baird was the editor-in-chief, and associated with him were Francis W. Shepardson, William R. Baird, Richard L. Fearn and W. H. Crawshaw, Colgate, '87.

The volume contained no novel features, except that the cover was changed to brown, and displayed a small dragon holding the fraternity badge, on its front page. The minutes of the Diogenes Club appeared at irregular intervals. Other articles of interest were an account of the academic fraternity of A Φ, and full accounts of banquets at Boston, Baltimore, and Denver, the reunion of Ohio Betas and the formation of a state organization, and the dinner tendered to Governor Hoadly by the Betas of New York City. The quarterly form presented unusually good opportunities for the preparation of editorials and the gathering of chapter letters, and they were made the most of. The volume closed with No. 4, dated June, 1887.

Volume XV, still in the quarterly form, and unchanged in style and management, commenced in 1887. Chambers Baird, however, was obliged to give up his position as editor for private reasons, and the other numbers, which were issued in January, April and June, 1888, were under the management of Charles M. Hepburn as editor-in-chief, with Chambers Baird, Francis W. Shepardson and Richard Lee Fearn as associates. Frank W. Burgoyne, Wooster, '86, was business manager during the year. The chapter letters were full and interesting, and the editorials quite up to the usual mark; but there were few personals and little news. The quarterly

form seemed to have developed the literary at the expense of the news character of the journal. Articles that may be noted were on "The Chicago Betas," "Extension in the Great West," and the "Southern California Reunion," in the January number; a letter from the janitor of the Diogenes Club in the April number, and "Betas in the Methodist General Conference," in the June number. The poetry in this volume was unusually plentiful and good.

Volume XVI. was issued in October, 1888, and January, April and September, 1889, and showed little change in style or matter from the preceding volume. The editorial board was the same, except that Chambers Baird retired, and was succeeded by Franklin M. Welsh, Dickinson, '88.

Volumes XV. and XVI. each contained few items of information con-



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Shepardson, Bruce, Gavin, Newton, Baketel.

cerning other fraternities, and the *Beta Theta Pi* did not exchange with other fraternity journals during these years. The October number (1888) contained the sermon delivered before the convention by Rev. George W. F. Birch, Washington and Jefferson, '58, of New York, entitled a "Model Beta," and an article on the Betas in the Fiftieth Congress, which is somewhat remarkable for including a notice of Senator Charles J. Faulkner,¹ who was not a Beta. The January number contained two articles in similar strain—"Beta Governors," by Albert H. Washburn, Cornell, '79, and "Betas at the Battle of New Market," by Richard L. Fearn, Stevens, '84. The death of Hon. David Linton, one of the founders of the fraternity, is noted in the September (1889) number, and the volume concluded with both a general and personal index.

¹ This was due to the fact that Senator Faulkner had a cousin of precisely the same name who was a Beta. We recall at one time before the mistake was known that Senator Faulkner was invited to attend a Beta dinner at Washington and as he afterwards expressed himself was "almost persuaded that he actually had made a mistake and had been a Beta in college," so earnestly was the invitation extended to him.

Volume XVII., still under the guidance of Charles M. Hepburn, reverted to the monthly form, and consisted of eight numbers, from October, 1889, to June, 1890. Chambers Baird was again added to the staff, which was increased to six associates by the further addition of Frank H. Scott, Northwestern, '76, and George Hoskins, Boston, '90. The change in frequency of issue also involved a change in style and matter, but the magazine was maintained on its previous high plane. The brown cover was retained, but the badge and dragon was enlarged, and the table of contents removed to the inside page. This volume also added a department of college news, and a decidedly newsy and timely character was imparted to its articles; the personals were more numerous and exhaustive, and the department of fraternity news was strengthened and enlarged. To the title of the January number was added, "With which has been united the *Mystic Messenger*," in token of the union of the Mystical Seven with the fraternity. This number also contained articles upon the Mystical Seven and its history, and was prefaced by a steel-plate engraving of its customary emblems. During the year, articles were printed on the founding of the chapter at the University of Minnesota, the legal fraternity of $\Phi \Delta \Phi$, "The Earliest Beta Song Book;" "A Welcome to $\Sigma \Delta \Pi$," upon the occasion of establishing a chapter at Dartmouth with the members of a local society of that name; "The Providence Betas," "Some Facts for a Contemporary," sharply exposing a misleading statement of the $\Delta T \Delta$ Journal concerning the number of its eastern chapters; "Eastern Betaism, as Viewed by a Western Beta," and "Betas in the Fifty-first Congress." The June number contained as a frontispiece a half-tone picture of the clubhouse at Wooglin.

Volume XVIII., for 1890-91, was issued in seven regular numbers, in the same style as the preceding volume, and one extra number, called "June-July, 1891," which was in effect an advertisement of the coming convention, and was bound in a dainty blue cover. There was no change in the management. This volume showed a more careful arrangement of material and a stricter classification than theretofore. Several of the numbers contained short timely articles on educational topics—"The Teaching of Literature," by Prof. Thos. R. Price, Virginia, '58; "A Revolution in University Methods," by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82; "The Student's Vocation in China," by W. A. P. Martin, Indiana, '46; and "The University of Chicago," by William D. Fullerton, Northwestern, '85. And there were others on fraternity topics: "Honorary Membership," "Superstitions," "Some Recent Fraternity Clubs," "University and Fraternity Clubs," and "The Naval Academy Chapter." The first number, in October, 1890, contained the scholarly, broadminded address on "Fraternal Humanity," delivered before the 51st convention by Willis O. Robb, and the poem by Willis Boughton, Michigan, '81; and it also contained "A Word About the Convention," by John Reily Knox, certainly a unique contribution by the founder of the fraternity 51 years after its foundation.

An article entitled "A Mystical Union," in this same number, correctly outlined the real relations between the Mystical Seven fraternity and our own, which, with deft malice, had been misrepresented by the fraternity press, led by the *Quarterly* of $\Delta K E$.

Number 5 in this volume was devoted to an account of the great dinner given to Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, and the Beta banquets at Boston, Chicago, Syracuse and Newark, Ohio.

This volume contained 448 octavo pages, and was the largest in that respect issued to that date.

It was decided at the convention of 1891, that the price of the magazine was too low, and it was accordingly raised to \$2 per annum, a concession of \$1 being made to Betas who had been out of college three years or less.

Volume XIX., for 1891-92, consisted of six regular and two special numbers. The former were bound in a gray paper cover, displaying the dragon and shield, printed in brown or blue; the latter were bound in the cover adopted for No. 8 of the previous volume. The special numbers were the minutes of the 52nd convention, and the annual letters of the chapters bound into one pamphlet, thus realizing the dream of fraternity workers ten years before. The two special numbers were edited by the General Secretary, and the regular numbers by the editor-in-chief, who



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continued in office without associates, and acted as his own business manager.

This volume contained an innovation in the adoption of illustrations, consisting of half-tone plates scattered through the text.

The first number, issued in October, 1891, contained the address delivered before the convention, "Our Debt to Mediocrity," by Rev. J. Calvin Kauffman, Wittenberg, '72, and the convention poem, by James T. Hatfield, Northwestern, '83, and several articles depicting various phases of life at Wooglin.

The remaining numbers of the year contained a very large number of small articles of from 300 to 500 words, on a great variety of topics, fraternal and otherwise. The most noteworthy, perhaps, were those on "Rutgers College," by Louis F. Ruf, Rutgers, '85, "Beta Eta," by Robert H. Fernald, Maine, '92, the "Fraternities at the World's Fair," by R. L. Fearn,

and "Recollections of Early College Days in Ohio," by Henry Beard, of the old Cincinnati chapter.

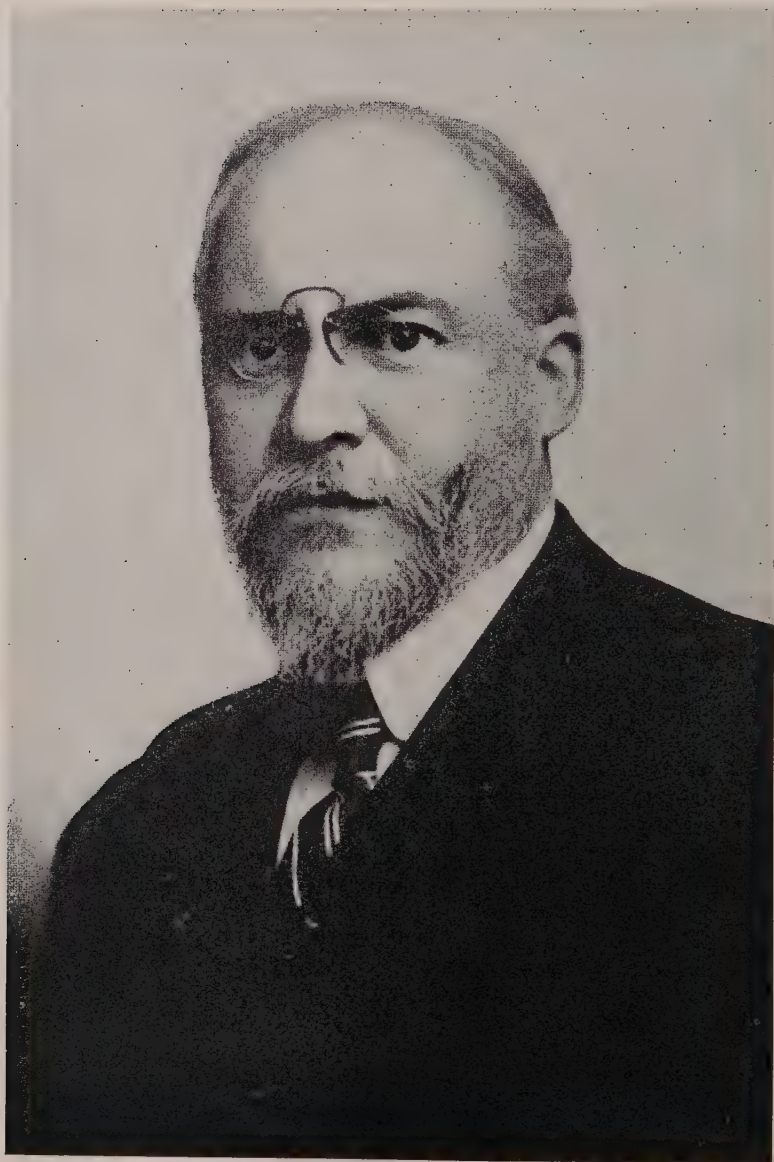
The dinner tendered to John W. Noble, Secretary of the Interior, by the Betas of New York City, and banquets and reunions at Boston, Galesburg, Illinois, and Columbus, Ohio, also received attention.

The number for May, 1892, in reality closed the volume, though the chapter annuals were issued later.

Volume XX., for 1892-93, under the same management, consisted of seven regular and two special numbers, the latter being the convention minutes and chapter annuals. The cover on the regular numbers was changed to a light blue paper printed with dark blue ink, and to many its appearance was not so pleasing as that of the preceding volumes. The feature of short illustrated articles was continued, and, as before, much space was given to college as contrasted with purely fraternity topics. The first number, as usual, contained the convention poem which was by Sam W. Foss, Brown, '82. It also had biographical sketches of Charles H. Hardin, Governor of Missouri, and one of the founders of the fraternity, who died in July, 1892, and of W. C. Ransom, of Michigan. During the year, a number of articles on college topics appeared: "The University of Chicago," by F. W. Shepardson, who had been appointed a professor at the reorganized institution; "University of Leipsic," by Otis H. Fisk, Yale, '92; "A Sketch of the Colgate Chapter," by W. H. Crawshaw, Colgate, '87; "Pioneer Colleges in Ohio," by Willis Boughton, Michigan, '81; "Pennsylvania State College," by Henry T. Fernald, Maine, '85, and "Kenyon," by E. M. Benedict, Kenyon, '85. The articles on Kenyon and Chicago foreshadowed the revival of the chapters at those institutions. In addition, there was an article on "Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania," by H. Walton Mitchell, Pennsylvania State, '90; "A Calendar of Fraternity Events," in the first number, and much information scattered all through the year concerning the proposed fraternity exhibit at the World's Fair at Chicago.

Dinners and reunions in New York, Washington, Boston and Nashville received due attention, and during the year there were many editorials upon the relative powers and duties of the Board of Directors and the newly created Executive Committee.

During the year there was much dissatisfaction with the management of the magazine among the chapters. Its form, style and tone were all the subject of adverse criticism and this resulted in a complete change in its control at the convention of 1893.



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Historian, Biographer, Editor, Counselor, Friend, Brother

CHAPTER XIV

THE BETA THETA PI MAGAZINE

UNDER WILLIAM RAIMOND BAIRD'S EDITORSHIP

Volume XXI for 1893-94 consisted of six regular and two special numbers, the latter being the minutes of the convention and the chapter annuals. This arrangement has been continued ever since. This volume and the succeeding twelve volumes were printed at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, but were edited from New York City. The name of James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, appeared in this volume as Business Manager. The name of Frank M. Rooney, Syracuse, '90, appeared as Editor on the first two numbers only. Owing to a difference between them, the business manager assumed the title and responsibilities of Editor. As a matter of fact all of the numbers of this volume and of the succeeding volumes to 1917 were edited by William R. Baird. The form of the magazine was changed. A heavy paper with a natural finish was employed and several illustrations on smooth paper and printed in colored ink were added. A new and pleasing cover was adopted. It was printed on pearl gray paper in reddish brown ink. The design embodied a shield displaying quarterings upon which were emblazoned three roses, seven seven-pointed stars and three diamonds, the whole being surrounded by a wreath.

The first number contained half-tone portraits in color of Judge Harlan and Senator Voorhees and an article on the "Parting of the Ways," relating to the choice of a fraternity, and describing distinguishing characteristics of a number of fraternities. It also contained an article on "The American College Fraternity System" by John I. Covington and a reprint of the essay on the "Legal Status of the Fraternities" read by William R. Baird before the College Fraternity Congress at Chicago in July, 1893. In the second number, the frontispiece was a reproduction of the map which long hung upon the parlor wall of the Wooglin Club house showing the division of the fraternity into districts and the location of the different chapters. There was a well illustrated article in this number upon Washington and Jefferson College by Prof. Joseph Waugh, '97. It was the first of a long series of illustrated articles descriptive of nearly every institution in which a chapter of the fraternity is located. An account of the College Fraternity Congress at Chicago also appeared in this number.

During the rest of the year there were biographical articles with portraits relating to Hon. Edwin H. Terrell, General John B. Gordon, Justice David J. Brewer, Bishop Charles H. Fowler of the Methodist church, of the members of the Executive committee, Messrs. Hanna, Thornburg and Jones and of each of the nine District Chiefs. Other notable contributions were "The Sour Apple" by Charles N. Ironside (X Φ, Rutgers, '79), "Fraternity Journalism as an Aid in Fraternity Government" by Charles M. Hepburn, Virginia, '81; "The University of Pennsylvania," illustrated, by Prof. Julian Millard, Michigan, '89; "Knox College," illustrated, by George E. Stephens, Knox, '94; "University Extension and Beta Theta Pi," by

Francis W. Shepardson; "The Fraternity and Conscience," by Willis O. Robb, and two fine articles, one "Dickinson College," by Clyde B. Furst, Dickinson, '93, and another, "Dickinson Vignettes," by Robert E. MacAlarney, Dickinson, '93, describing that college and its life. A dinner given in March, 1894, to John I. Covington by the Chicago Alumni received ample treatment.

In addition there were the usual editorials, personals and chapter letters. The editorials ceased, however, to relate chiefly to the functions and powers of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and treated more particularly of fraternity methods, aims, and principles. The installation of the Lambda Rho at the revived University of Chicago furnished the topic for a suitable article and there was published in one number under the title "Twenty Years of the Beta Theta Pi" a complete list showing for each number of the magazine, its date, place of publication and under whose direction it had been issued.

Volume XXII for 1894-95 had the usual number of issues. The color of the cover was changed to brown and buff. In the first issue, that of October, 1894, there was a portrait group of the convention, the first of the series which have since been presented annually. During the year the illustrated college articles were "The University of Indiana," by Will H. Kelly, '94; "The University of Iowa," by James A. Rohbach, Western Reserve, '84, and "De Pauw University," by George E. Dee, De Pauw, '95. This volume had an unusual number of biographical articles with portraits, including six federal judges, Alonzo J. Edgerton, Wesleyan, '50, Horace H. Lurton, Cumberland, '67, Peter S. Grosscup, Wittenberg, '72, Henry S. Priest, Westminster, '72, John W. Showalter, Ohio, '67, and William M. Springer, Indiana, '58; also Samuel Walter Foss, Brown, '82, the poet, John Young Brown, Centre, '55, Governor of Kentucky, Milton Remley, Iowa, '67, Attorney General of Iowa. A portrait and biography of John I. Covington, lately deceased, appeared in the May number.

Among the general articles were two by William C. Sheppard, Denison, '84, "A Chapter House—how to build it and pay for it," and an "Ideal Chapter House"; also a discussion of the new spirit of conservatism in the fraternity participated in by Robert W. Dunn, Michigan, '95, and Edward R. Hardy, Boston, '93, a brilliant essay on "Shoots," by C. N. Ironside, (X Φ) a companion piece to the "Sour Apple" of the preceding volume, an article on "The Alumnus and the Fraternity" by Harrie M. Humphrey, Wittenberg, '89, an unusually good piece of fiction "Jerrem's Fraternity," by Robert E. MacAlarney, Dickinson, '93, and a pathetic and interesting story of "A Lost Beta Badge," told by Francis W. Shepardson. Another contribution of value was an interview with Samuel Taylor Marshall, Miami, '40, by G. Walter Barr, De Pauw, '80, in which the founders of the fraternity were characterized by a few vivid pen portraits. On the whole this volume reached a high level.

Volume XXIII for 1895-96 had a new cover in a pleasing shade of light yellow green with title printed in dark green ink and a central panel in gold displaying the badge surrounded by floral emblems. The illustrated college articles related to "Pennsylvania State" by H. Walton Mitchell, Pennsylvania State, '90, "Colgate University" by William B. Kelsey, '97, "Beloit College" by Edward H. Porter, Beloit, '96. "Bethany College" by Everett W. McDiarmid, Bethany, '95, and "Missouri State University" by Antoine

E. Russell, Missouri, '98. Illustrated biographical articles related to Samuel T. Marshall, Miami, '40, Isaac N. Himes, Jefferson, '55, William T. Elmer, Wesleyan, '58, Alonzo P. Carpenter, Williams, '49, John Hopkins, Dartmouth, '62, Hobart A. Hare, Pennsylvania, '84, Peter T. Austin, Rutgers, '83, and William Wright Jaggard, Dickinson, '77. An article on "Our Athletic Record" by James A. McCague, of the New York University group of petitioners, also contained several portraits.

Several articles on strictly fraternity topics were also presented: "Shall Beta Theta Pi be Governed through a Corporation"; "The Chapter, the Chapter House and the Point of View," by Willis O. Robb; "The Chapter House System"; "A Plea for Simplicity in our Administrative Methods";



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"Catalogue Making and Its Difficulties," and the "Genesis of Alpha Sigma Chi," by Herman C. Weber, Rutgers, '95, may be noted. "The Geographical Distribution of Chapters" was a condensed arrangement of the men's fraternities according to location showing some unexpected results. "The Acid Test of Culture," by Willis O. Robb, was a caustic criticism of some supercilious statements in the unofficial periodical of $\Psi \Upsilon$. "A Beta Family" showed the devotion of the Goodwin family of Indiana to the fraternity, and "My Idea of Fraternity" by Governor Bates of Massachusetts was a scholarly presentation of some ideals.

An article of general interest was upon the "True Greatness of American Citizenship," by Mr. Justice Brewer. But one piece of fiction was in this volume, "Colville's Beta Girl," by A. N. Slayton, Kenyon, '96. There was also a picture of the loving cup presented to John Reily Knox upon the occasion of his golden wedding.

Volume XXIV for 1896-97 was issued with the same cover design as

the preceding volume, but it was printed in gold on a creamy white background. The first number was pre-eminently a convention number and contained the address on "The Fraternity as an Element of National Unity," by John S. Wise, Virginia, '67, delivered at the convention, and the convention poem, "The Legend of Wooglin," by Francis H. Sisson, also several articles illustrating life at the White Sulphur Springs and the social side of the convention of 1896.

The college articles during the year were "Ohio Wesleyan University," by Frank C. Goodrich, Ohio Wesleyan, '98, accompanied by "Notes on Theta Chapter" by Willis O. Robb; "St. Lawrence University" by George Eliot Cooley, St. Lawrence, '97, and the "University of Mississippi" by John L. Lovett, Mississippi, '96. Biographical articles with portraits were presented relating to John S. Wise, Virginia, '67; David R. Francis, Washington, '70, recently elected Governor of Missouri; Earl Cranston, Ohio, '61, elected a Methodist Bishop; Matthew Stanley Quay, Jefferson, '50, and Boise Penrose, Harvard, '89, Senators from Pennsylvania; Bishops George H. Kinsolving, Virginia, '70, of Virginia, Davis Sessums, Virginia, '79, of Louisiana, and Henry M. Jackson, V. M. I., '73, of Alabama, of the Episcopal church; William D. Bynum, Indiana, '69, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee; John Clarence Lee, St. Lawrence, '76, president of his alma mater; John Lewis Bates, '82, Governor of Massachusetts; Joseph L. Rawlins, Indiana, '74, Senator from Utah; Gen. George B. Wright, of Ohio; Levi Travers Dashiell, Texas, '98, speaker of the Texas Legislature, and of two deceased members, Warrington K. L. Warwick, Kenyon, '84, one of the trustees of the fraternity, and Senator Voorhees.

In addition, there were two articles upon the history of the Denison Chapter by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, one entitled "A Study of Beginnings," and the other "Stories from Alpha Eta's History," carefully illustrated. Also, "Early Days in Lambda Chapter" by Major Ransom, a study of "The Fraternity Badge" by Francis H. Sisson, a careful essay on "The College Bred Man in Business" by Willis O. Robb, and an article on the "Betas at West Point" by Henry B. Clark, Beloit, '95.

The pieces of fiction in the volume were "At the Eleventh Hour" by Arthur H. Quinn, Pennsylvania, '94, a variation of one of Kipling's stories, and two stories by Miss Margarette Muhlenberg Perkins, a Beta Girl, one entitled "Her Fraternity Honor," and the other "The Chance of Reprieve."

Volume XXV for 1897-98 appeared in a new cover of purple on white with a border made up of a repeated torch and wreath and a central panel under the title line of the fraternity name in Greek, and three stars surrounded by a wreath of roses.

The college articles were on "Wesleyan University" by Olin W. Hill, Wesleyan, '96, "Hanover College" by Henry Herbert Thompson, Hanover, '98, "Kansas University" by Webster Wilder, Kansas, '98, "Stevens Institute" and "Yale College" by the editor, and the "University of Maine" by Ralph K. Jones, Maine, '86. One number was almost entirely given up to the account of the funeral of John Reily Knox and articles concerning him, the most notable of which was "The Man and his Monument" by Willis O. Robb, expressing aptly the love and reverence felt by the fraternity for its founder and oldest brother. The biographical articles related to Jerome H. Raymond, Northwestern, '92, president of the University of West Virginia, Webster Davis, Kansas, '88, Assistant Secretary of the In-

terior, William A. Hamilton, Willis O. Robb, and three undergraduates who won oratorical distinction during the year.

Other articles were "Design for a Chapter Lodge" by Julian Millard, Michigan, '89, "How to get a Chapter House" by T. Alfred Vernon ($\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, Yale, '75), "The Chapter Letter—a Criticism and Complaint" by Edwin R. Hardy, Boston, '93, and "Spikes" by Major Ransom, contrasting the campaign methods of his own day with present day methods.

Reminiscences in two articles by Willis O. Robb, "The Mission of the Small College" by Francis H. Sisson, and an article by the editor on "Fraternity Catalogues, with some recent Examples," completed the volume.

During this year a marked improvement in the chapter letters took place, probably the result of Brother Hardy's article above referred to.

Volume XXVI for 1898-99 appeared in a new cover of dark green upon light green with a heavy border of roses enclosing the fraternity shield and dragon upon a background of roses. The design was the work of Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98, and was quite effective.

The first number, as usual, was largely devoted to the doings of the convention. It contained a portrait of Francis H. Sisson, the new General Treasurer, and the convention poem, "The March of the Ten Thousand," by Willis O. Robb; also articles on "College Fraternities Numerically Compared" and "Chapter Houses Owned by the Men's Fraternities in 1898" by the editor.

The college articles during the year were on "Columbia" and the "University of Minnesota," the latter by Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95. The biographical articles related to Robert W. Miers, Indiana, '72, a member of Congress from Indiana; Townsend Scudder, Columbia, '88, a member of Congress from New York; Robert Bruce F. Pierce, Wabash, '66, a member of Congress from Indiana; Dr. Joseph P. Blanton, Hampden-Sydney, '69, president of the University of Idaho, and Judge Edwin A. Jaggard, Dickinson, '79, of Minneapolis, also on Roy Walter Stover, Iowa, '96, and Nathaniel Brown Adsit, Harvard, '00, who died in the army during the war with Spain.

Other articles during the year were the "Pink and Blue," by Martha A. Boughton; "A Practical Catalogue" by Walter B. Palmer, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; an illustrated story of "The Fraternity Press" running through two numbers; "The Fraternity in Porto Rico" by Reginald W. Wills, Ohio Wesleyan, '00; "Phi Chapter in the War with Spain," by Frank Julian Warne, Pennsylvania, '96; "Youth and Its Friendships," by Willis O. Robb; "Worth Waiting For," an anonymous piece of fiction, and two reviews, one of the "History of $\Theta \Delta X$ " and the other of "The Cyclopedia of Fraternities." In addition, a discussion of the rights and duties of the Districts Chiefs was presented and an account of the suit brought to prevent the withdrawal of the charter of the St. Lawrence chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Volume XXVII for 1899-'00 had a cover printed in gold and blue. The design was a border of the wreath and torch repeated and it enclosed the coat of arms of the fraternity surrounded by a wreath of roses. The volume had many small articles and accounts of district reunions and banquets and a larger number of editorials than usual.

The college articles were on "Brown University" by Russell W. Richmond, Brown, '02; the "University of California" by Willard G. Parsons, California, '00; "Miami University"; "Amherst" by Nathaniel L. Goodrich,

Amherst, '01; and "Dartmouth" by Louis L. Crone, Dartmouth, '01, and Thaddeus J. Merrill, Dartmouth, '02. The biographical articles related to Warren D. Oakes, De Pauw, '95, the new General Treasurer, John A. Fitch, Wabash, '63, of Indianapolis, Senator James Harlan, De Pauw, '45; Dr. Henry A. Buchtel, De Pauw, '72, Chancellor of the University of Denver; David S. Tappan, Miami, '64, president of Miami University, and David H. Moore, Ohio, '62, a Methodist Bishop. The first number contained a review of the fraternity catalogue and a subsequent number another review of it copied from the *Scroll* of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, under the caption "As Others See Us." The decision on appeal in the $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{\Gamma}$ litigation was reprinted and there was one piece of anonymous fiction, "Jack Roses"; also "A Legend of Wooglin"



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by George E. Fitch, Knox, '97, which was an allegorical dream not without some serious lessons.

Volume XXVIII for 1900-'01 appeared with the same cover design printed in dark green on gray green paper. The college articles in this volume were descriptive of "The University of Colorado," "Ohio State University," "Syracuse University" and "Bowdoin College," the latter by John A. Harlow, Bowdoin, '01. Biographical articles related to Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., Bethany, '77, Governor of New York; John W. Yerkes, Centre, '73, Commissioner of Internal Revenue; Dr. W. A. P. Martin, Indiana, '46, the famous Chinese missionary and scholar; Frank M. Joyce, De Pauw, '82, a loyal and enthusiastic Beta; Dr. Theodore T. Munger, Western Reserve, '51, author of the "Freedom of Faith"; Wallace C. Sabine, Ohio State, '86, professor of physics at Harvard, and Joseph R. Burton, Hanover, '73, recently elected United States Senator from Kansas.

Other articles were "Fraternity Life in the University of Chicago" by Francis W. Shepardson, "A Fraternity Policy," "A Chapter House Episode," "The Miracle of Brotherhood" by Prof. Wm. L. Graves, Ohio State, '93, "Joining a College Fraternity" by William C. Sprague, Denison, '81, and "Coming Back," an anonymous piece of fiction.

This volume also contained adequate accounts of the dinner given at Cincinnati to Bishop David H. Moore, Ohio, '60, of the Methodist Church, as well as dinners at many other cities, some of which were in connection with district reunions.

Volume XXIX for 1901-'02 had no change in its cover design, but it was printed in dark brown on orange. Besides the usual description of the convention, the first number of the volume contained "A Visit to the Chapters—a Study in Prophecy" by James T. Brown, the business manager, detailing his experiences during an imaginary future visit to the New England Chapters.

The college articles during the year described "Washington University"; "Cornell University," by Samuel P. Hitchcock, Cornell, '01; "The University of Iowa"; "The University of Illinois" by Frank H. Holmes, Knox, '97, and "Washington State University." The biographical articles related to H. Walton Mitchell, Pennsylvania State, '90, newly elected to the board of trustees; Captain Franklin Hanford, Naval Academy, '66, of the Navy; Andrew J. Montague, Richmond, '82, attorney general of Virginia; Ichizo Hattori, Rutgers, '75, governor of Hiogo Ken, Japan; Dr. Ernest J. Lederle, Columbia, '86, Health Commissioner of New York City; Prof. Samuel McCune Lindsay, Pennsylvania, '89, Commissioner of Education of Porto Rico; Charles S. Wheeler, California, '84, a leading lawyer of San Francisco and a regent of the State University, and Rev. George W. F. Birch, Washington and Jefferson, '58, a Presbyterian clergyman of New York City, long active in the councils of the fraternity.

Other articles were "The Fraternity in Athletics," "Financing a Chapter House," "Fraternity Examinations" (reprint from the *Δ Y Quarterly*), "The Bowdoin Chapter House," by John A. Harlow, Bowdoin, '01; "Beta Teachers in the Philippines" by Benjamin E. Neal, Syracuse, '01; "The Ideal Fraternity" by William C. Sprague, Denison, '01, and two pieces of fiction, "The Falling of the Lamb" by Edward W. Mumford, Pennsylvania, '89, and "Noblesse Oblige" by Arthur H. Quinn, Pennsylvania, '94, and "The Scent of the Roses," a response to a banquet toast by Henry A. Williams, Wittenberg, '85. There were also the usual departments, and the volume was several pages larger than before.

Volume XXX for 1902-'03 had a new cover printed in a very dark blue on gray paper, with an outside border made of the miniature wreath and torch repeated and with an inside panel displaying the dragon and shield. The illustrated college articles related to "Lehigh University," "Wabash College," the "University of Michigan," the latter by Junius E. Beal, Michigan, '82, and "Stanford University." The biographical articles concerned Elijah E. Hoss, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Dr. Watson L. Savage, Amherst, '82, the well known teacher of physical culture; Gen. John Coburn, Wabash, '46, the founder of the Wabash Chapter; Willis Van Devanter, De Pauw, '81, appointed U. S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit; Prof. Thomas Randolph Price, Virginia, '58, Professor of English at Columbia, and William H.

Tolman, Brown, '82, president of the American Institute of Social Service. Other articles were "Impressions of the Convention of 1902," by J. Cal Hanna; the "Taxation of Chapter Houses"; "Some Observations of an Alumnus"; the "Songs of the Fraternity," by Francis W. Shepardson, "Chapter Libraries," and "Thoughts Looking Toward Theta," the last named being a delightful piece of reminiscence by Willis O. Robb.

In addition, there were articles describing the newly built chapter houses of the Michigan and Dartmouth Chapters and illustrations showing the Denison Chapter house before and after a disastrous fire. The dinner given to Governors Bates of Massachusetts, Odell of New York and Montague of Virginia at New York was amply described and many other dinners and reunions were noticed. In one number the history of *The Beta Theta Pi* for thirty years was briefly recounted and was accompanied by a portrait of Charles Duy Walker, the first editor.

Volume XXXI for 1903-'04 showed no change in external appearance. Although its size was increased until when bound it became somewhat unwieldy in bulk, yet the constant pressure of the necessity for printing the chapter letters diminished the room available for other material in this and subsequent volumes.

The college articles presented during the year were "Purdue University," "Northwestern University," "Western Reserve University," the "University of Wisconsin," the "University of Nebraska," and "Wittenberg College," the last two by Nate W. Downs, Nebraska, '07, and Norman R. Work, Wittenberg, '06, respectively. Biographical articles related to Prof. Charles A. Young, Western Reserve, '53, the famous astronomer, Melville W. Miller, De Pauw, '81, appointed assistant Secretary of the Interior, Edmund G. McGilton, Wisconsin, '83, elected Lieutenant-Governor of Nebraska, and Matthew S. Quay, Jefferson, '50, Senator from Pennsylvania.

Other articles were "Educational Experiments in the University of Chicago" by Francis W. Shepardson; "Canada, as a Fraternity Field" by William S. Keller, Ohio Wesleyan, '02, and "Men and Measures—The Question of the Alumni" by Ralph B. Miller, Denison, '86. There were also two pieces of fiction "Inter Frates" by M. LeRoy Arnold, Minnesota, and "J. Remington Victor" by Miss Ruth Leonard. Two articles were reprinted, one from "Success" by Prof. E. B. Andrews, entitled, "If I should go to College Again," and another, "Influence of the College Fraternity," copied from the Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

Volume XXXII for 1904-'05 showed an unchanged cover. It contained an unusual number of editorials, an increase in the number of illustrations and much miscellaneous matter of general fraternity interest under its heading of "The Greek World."

The first number contained an account of the "Sixty-fifth Convention" at St. Louis, by William S. Keller, Ohio Wesleyan, '02, abundantly illustrated, and portraits of James L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96, and Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95, chosen to the positions of General Treasurer and trustee, respectively.

The college articles during the year were "Boston University" by Clarence G. Campbell, Boston, '05, "The University of North Carolina" and "Washington University," the latter by Arno D. Krause, Washington, '05. It contained illustrated articles descriptive of the chapter houses at Yale, Missouri, Maine and Denison, and portraits or biographical articles relating

to Charles Roy Nasmith, Colgate, '04, and Norman E. Dole, Stanford, '04 (who had made noticeable records in athletics), Robert R. Stone, Syracuse, '05, captain of the winning crew at the Poughkeepsie Regatta in 1904; the three Betas who were in the first lot of Rhodes scholars from the United States, viz.: Joel M. Johanson, Washington State, '04; Stanley K. Hornbeck, Colorado, '03, and Earl W. Murray, Kansas, '04; Edward Bruce Chandler, Michigan, '58; Prof. William M. Warren, Boston, '83, dean of the college of Liberal Arts at Boston University; Edward C. Stokes, Brown, '83, elected Governor of New Jersey; John H. Patterson, Miami, '67, president of the National Cash Register Company, the Rev. Luther B. Wilson, Dickinson, '75, elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. George Ben Johnson, Virginia, '75, president of the American Surgical Association, and Henry St. George Tucker, Washington and Lee, '75, president of the Jamestown Exposition, certainly a list representing many phases of life and spheres of activity.

There was one piece of fiction in this volume, the "Beta Grip," by Ralph W. Keeler, Wesleyan, '04, and two addresses delivered at banquets, "A Beta in Utopia," by Prof. William L. Graves, Ohio State, '93, and the "General Fraternity," by Walter E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan, '79. The banquets described were numerous and important.

The principal topics of editorial discussion were the manner of securing the withdrawal of charters and the problem of the relation of a Beta who leaves his chapter and goes to an institution where there is another chapter, to that second chapter.

Volume XXXIII for 1905-06 was provided with a new cover, the design of George W. Wienhoeber, Cornell, '00. It was printed in tints of black and dark green upon a light brown back ground and comprised an outer cusped border and an inner stippled border and enclosed the title of the magazine in Greek above the coat of arms. Again the volume was increased in size and again did the editor feel compelled to omit much material of interest.

The college articles concerned "Iowa State College," by Lyman W. Ellis, Iowa State, '07, "Iowa Wesleyan University," by Judson E. Piper, Iowa Wesleyan, '05, "Vanderbilt University," by W. O. Bates, Vanderbilt, '07, and the "University of Pennsylvania." Biographical articles or portraits were printed about Samuel Merwin, Northwestern, '00, a novelist of rising reputation; Charles D. Williams, Kenyon, '80, elected Protestant Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan; Aimaro Sato, De Pauw, '81, secretary of the Japanese plenipotentiaries who negotiated the treaty of Portsmouth; John M. Pattison, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, elected Governor of Ohio; Charles H. Treat, Dartmouth, '65, treasurer of the United States; Robert E. Lewis, Westminster, '80, appointed U. S. District Judge in Colorado; Richard Lee Fearn, Stevens, '84; Louis Garthe, Johns Hopkins, '82, and Frank G. Carpenter, Wooster, '77, three prominent Washington journalists; Stanley E. Gunnison, St. Lawrence, '99, a new trustee of the fraternity, and Eli Burt Parsons, Yale, '07, an athlete of international reputation.

In addition, in the first number of the volume there appeared an account of the "Sixty-sixth Convention" at New York by Charles F. O'Brien, Ohio State, '03, and the "Boys of '39," the convention poem by Samuel Merwin, Northwestern, '00. In other numbers, two articles on "The Kenyon Tragedy," by the editor; "Some Fraternity Impressions" by Francis W. Shep-

ardson; "Our Youthful Days" by Ellis Guy Kinkead, Cincinnati, '89; "The High School Fraternity and the College Fraternity" by Francis W. Shepardson; "Old Time Betas" by Willis O. Robb; "Reminiscences of Old Michigan" by Rev. Nathaniel West, Michigan, '46; "The Purchase of a Chapter House"; a "Review of the History of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ "; a "Review of the Catalogue of 1905" by J. Cal Hanna; "What College Students Read"; a description of the house of the Washington State Chapter; a poem, "The Legend of Wooglin," by Robert F. Allen, Boston, '05, and a strong piece of fiction; "Transfer No. 105" by Ralph W. Keeler, Wesleyan, '04.

Volume XXXIV for 1906-07 was the same in general style and contents as Volume XXXIII. The design of the cover was unchanged but it was printed in brown.



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The first number contained an article describing the Denver convention by Rev. Robert W. Courtney, Rutgers, '97, and the convention poem, "The Rubaiyat of Beta Theta Pi," by George H. Fitch, Knox, '97. During the year considerable attention was paid to the subject of High School societies and three articles were printed relating to it, "The High School Fraternity Nuisance" by John N. Monroe, Bethany, '04; "A Legal Decision Concerning the High School Society," and "The Good Points of the High School Fraternity" by John C. Spaulding, Michigan, '97. The college articles during the year related to the "University of Toronto" by Donald McLean, Toronto, '07; the "University of Chicago" by Francis W. Shepardson; "Westminster College" by Charles L. Ferguson, Westminster, '09, and the "University of Wooster" by F. E. Eastman, Wooster, '08. Biographical articles or portraits appeared of William B. Doyle, Amherst, '99, president of the Denver convention; Prof. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, newly elected trustee; Prof. Andrew F. West, Central, '73, of Princeton; Henry A. Buchtel, De Pauw, '72, elected Governor of Colorado; John Reily Knox, Miami,

'39; Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85, member of Congress from Illinois, and two new United States Senators, Norris Brown, Iowa, '83, of Nebraska, and William E. Borah, Kansas, '89, of Idaho.

Other articles were the "Greek Letter Fraternities as an Educational Influence," by Charles F. Birdseye (X Ψ , Amherst, '72), the "Chapter House of the Syracuse Chapter," "Local Inter-Fraternities" by Dr. William S. Keller, Ohio Wesleyan, and the "Protection of Fraternity Insignia" by the editor. There were also two pieces of fiction, the "Dimming of the Wreaths" by Ralph W. Keeler, Wesleyan, '04, and "The Return," a ghost story, by Prof. William L. Graves, Ohio State, '93.

Volume XXXV for 1907-1908 was rich in articles illustrative of the social and sentimental features of the fraternity's life. There were descriptions of the Brown and Dickinson chapter houses. There were accounts of well-attended banquets at Buffalo, Denver, Indianapolis, New York, St. Louis and Washington, and of district reunions, accompanied by dinners of five districts, including a joint reunion of the Ohio districts and a large one at Chicago. An editorial told of the death of Major Wyllys C. Ransom on February 1, 1908, and appraised his notable service to the fraternity. John C. Lewis, Miami, '60, in "A Memory of Old Miami and of Shiloh," told a thrilling Civil War incident about a Miami Beta, Joel Battle, a Confederate found dead on the field and given burial by Union soldiers. "Beta Twins" told of an accidental meeting of Grove Curtis, Kenyon, '79, and George W. Taylor, Virginia Military Institute, '72, at which they discovered that they were born on the same day, November 30, 1853, and that both were Betas. "The High Priest of Wooglin" by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, was a story about Rev. John Hogarth Lozier, De Pauw, '55. Another article by the same writer was "The Individual and the Fraternity." Lucius L. VanSlyke, Michigan, '79, contributed "Fraternity Life Seen at a Distance."

College articles included "Hampden-Sydney College" by the president of the institution; "Ohio University" by Harold E. Cherrington, Ohio, '10; "Union College" by H. Lewis Meyer, Union, '08; "The University of Oklahoma" by S. Roy Hadsell, Oklahoma, '04. There was a listing, with brief comment, of the Betas whose names were found in the current "Who's Who in America," this carrying the title "Oi Ouranaoi," and reflecting great credit on Beta Theta Pi in comparison with similar listings in other fraternity magazines of the year. The new edition of "Baird's Manual" was reviewed by Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, and the editor gave his impressions of Birdseye's book, "Individual Training in Our Colleges."

Among miscellaneous articles were "A Trust of Fraternities" by Charles N. Filson of Sigma Nu; "A Comparison of University and Individual Discipline and Methods" by Fred W. Taylor; "The Gang," an editorial from the New York *Tribune*, bearing on the high school fraternity, and a long paper, spread over two numbers, "The Legal Status of a College Fraternity Chapter," by Olcott O. Partridge, reprinted from the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi. "A Young Fraternity" by the editor, told of the character and development of Alpha Chi Rho.

Articles bearing on fraternity administration were, "The District Chief and his Sphere of Work" by District Chief Walter L. Flory, Denison, '03; "The Selection of a Convention Delegate" by District Chief William H. Gorrill, California, '95; "An Open Letter to the Editor" by Fred A. Cornell, Ohio State, '06, showing the danger of exclusiveness in chapter life, and a

reprint from the magazine for November, 1895, of "The Chapter, the Chapter House and the Point of View" by Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79.

Volume XXXVI for 1908-1909 presented a varied selection of material. College articles included "The University of Virginia" and "Colorado School of Mines" by the editor; "Tulane University" by Muir Bradburn, Tulane, '08, and "The University of Texas" by Walter O. Kinsolving, Texas, '08. There were interesting accounts of the installation on September 17, 1908, of the Beta Phi chapter at Colorado School of Mines, by H. Wendell Stephens, Colorado, '06, and of the Beta Xi at Tulane, on November 27, 1908. St. John Perret, Tulane, '08, who made a marked impression on the convention as a petitioner, contributed an interesting narrative, "Some Impressions of a Petitioner," showing the other side of the picture. Two other articles about the convention were by Roy M. McLaughlin, Cincinnati, '05, giving a District Chief's view and by J. Hart Willis, University of Washington, '09, an undergraduate's view.

"From a Secretary's Note Book," was a title for four articles by General Secretary Francis W. Shepardson, telling of his experiences in wide travel among the chapters. E. C. Mercer, Virginia, '93, who was a Y.M.C.A. visitor, contributed "A Rover's Reminiscences," which described his impressions of the chapters which he saw in different parts of the country. "The Editors' Dinner at New York" told the story of a notable gathering of fraternity editors arranged by William Raimond Baird.

The social side of the fraternity was emphasized by accounts of dinners at Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, New York, and St. Louis, and in connection with nine district reunions. C. F. O'Brien, Ohio State, '03, in "An Experience in Chapter House Building," described incidents connected with the new Ohio State house. A toast at the New York banquet, "The Gentle Art of Being a Beta," by Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, lost none of its charm by being printed in full. "A Case of Chapter Sickness" by the "consulting physician to the fraternity hospital," was a lively description of financial ills of chapter life. "A Friend That Sticketh" by H. Lewis Meyer, Union, '08, was a bit of fiction.

"The Miami Memorial: Its Origin and Present Status" by Lawrence W. Swan, Miami, '07, and "Sigma Chi and its Alpha Memorial" called attention to building projects of two of the Miami Triad. General articles, either reprinted from other fraternity magazines or from newspapers, included "Abbe Klein on Fraternities," "Colleges and Democracy," "The Chapter House Problem at Brown University" by President W. H. P. Faunce, "The Supreme Court of Montana Holds a Statute for the Protection of Badges Unconstitutional," "Rushing Restrictions," from the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, "The Chapter House and its Effect on the Fraternity" by Edward E. McDermott, of Delta Upsilon. In "A Ready Made Antiquity" the editor caustically handled recent claims made by officers of the Sigma Pi fraternity.

Volume XXXVII, for 1909-1910, contained the first of a series of illustrated reports made to the convention by General Secretary Francis W. Shepardson. There was an account of the installation of the Oregon chapter on December 4, 1909, and illustrated descriptive articles regarding the chapter houses at Beloit, Hanover, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin. "Present Day Conditions of Fraternity Life" by E. C. Mercer, Virginia, '93, and "The College Fraternity as a Social Group" by E. L. McBride, Chicago, '09, and "Betas Who Graduate" by E. J. Rouse, Boston, '03, discussed varying phases of contemporary fraternity experience.

The elevation to the United States Supreme Court of Horace H. Lurton, Cumberland, '67, was properly recognized by an illustrated biographical sketch, afterward supplemented by a personal tribute from his classmate and chapter mate at Cumberland, Ewing M. Thomas. Accounts of enthusiastic banquets of the fraternity at Chicago, Minneapolis, Rochester, St. Louis and Seattle and of reunions of eight districts reflected the joys of such occasions. "The Rushing System," occupying sixty pages of the volume, was a symposium of secretary's reports from many chapters, describing regulations and problems.

The college articles were, "The University of Oregon," by Merle R. Chessman, Oregon, '09; "Central University of Kentucky" by James B. Nourse, Centre, '10; "Case School of Applied Science" by J. Ronald Wyllie,



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A view from the Wabash river side.

Case, '12, and "Johns Hopkins University." Special articles on college problems included a Phi Beta Kappa oration at Harvard by Woodrow Wilson, "The Reorganization of the American College," an extract from the annual report of Nicholas Murray Butler on "A New College Population and Proposed Recognition of College Activities," and "The Utilization of College Fraternities in Student Life" by President Joseph Swain of Swarthmore. "The Value of Girls' Fraternities" by Mary B. Theiss, was reprinted from the *Ladies Home Journal* and was supplemented by another article on "Interfraternity Relations Among Women Students."

Fraternity articles included an extended account of the first meeting of the Interfraternity Conference at the University Club in New York, and "History Repeats Itself," a reproduction of the minutes of a meeting of fraternity representatives at Philadelphia on February 22, 1883, called by the editors of the *Beta Theta Pi*, two of whom, William Raimond Baird

and Willis O. Robb, were present also at the New York conference called by President Faunce of Brown University. Reprints were "Fraternalities at Williams" by Talcott M. Banks, '90, a Kappa Alpha, and "Origin of Kappa Alpha" by C. C. Young, Union, '26 (1826), also a Kappa Alpha. The editor told of the "Phi Kappa Psi Memorial to its Founders," placed at Washington and Jefferson, and contributed a review of "The Sigma Chi Manual and Directory."

Volume XXXVIII, for 1910-1911, told of the death of Edwin H. Terrell, De Pauw, '71, one of the editors of the catalogue of 1881. There was a poem of some length by H. E. Cherrington, Ohio, '10, "At Saratoga," giving in rhyme the convention impressions of the delegate. There was an article on "George Fitch." Descriptions were published of the chapter houses at Bethany, Columbia, Knox, Purdue, Tulane, Union and Wabash and of the new location of the New York Club at 1 Gramercy Park.

Reports were given of some notable Beta banquets. The justices' dinner, to the Betas on the United States Supreme bench, was given in New York, 400 members attending. At a Chicago banquet there were 240 and at one in Denver, 135, while one at Honolulu, to which seven members from seven chapters sat down, marked the beginning of activities of the alumni in that pearl of the Pacific. Accounts of five district reunions told of dinners where the spirits of those present were stimulated by splendid addresses by gifted speakers.

Three special articles by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, were "Kinship in the Denison Chapter," a reprint from the *Alpha Eta Shrine*, "The Beta Dragon," showing by illustrations the source of that fraternity emblem, and "Knox or Marshall," discussing the rival claims of the two founders for primacy. "A Picture and its Meaning" by William L. Graves, Ohio State, '93, was a gracious expression regarding the chapter visitations of the General Secretary. "The Heraldry of Beta Theta Pi" by George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, was enriched with some interesting illustrations. A biographical sketch related to the election of Lee Cruce, Vanderbilt, '86, to be governor of Oklahoma.

In the line of fraternity administration, the editor published a helpful article of considerable length on "The Corresponding Secretary," in which many valuable suggestions from experience were given this most important chapter official. An important paper on "Chapter Inspection" was a feature, and the difficulties and consequent decision of the Cornell chapter regarding affiliates were set forth in a set of resolutions announcing a policy of non-affiliation for the future.

Forty pages were given to a report of the second Inter-fraternity Conference at New York, this being supplemented by a special contribution from Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, "Impressions of the Second Inter-fraternity Conference." There were general articles about college and fraternity questions, such as "Relations of Faculties and Fraternities," an address before the National Educational Association by President W. H. P. Faunce of Brown University, "Fraternalities and Sororities in State Universities," by President Guy Potter Benton of Miami, this reprinted from the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*, and "Universities in America," by Brander Matthews, originally printed in the *New York Times*.

Volume XXXIX, for 1911-1912, contained a second illustrated article on "The Heraldry of Beta Theta Pi," by George M. Chandler, Michigan,

'98, "The Men who Made the Fraternity," a convention banquet toast by W. A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, was rich in historic value, with a personal interpretation possible because of acquaintance with most of the men described. There were three installments of old Beta letters under the heading, "Records of the Past." An illustrated article by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, on "Beta Tombstones" attracted much attention. He also contributed "The Passing of Zeta," recalling the achievements of the Hampden-Sidney chapter as its charter was surrendered by its members. The editor provided some important biographical details about the first General Secretary, Charles Duy Walker. The death of William F. Boyd, Ohio, '66, former member of the board of trustees of the fraternity, of Hon. John W. Noble, Miami, '50, and Hon. John T. Blodgett, Brown, '80, was announced with proper appreciation.

"A Hero of the Navy" recalled the story of John G. Talbot, Centre, '63, and reproduced the tablet in his memory in the United States Naval Academy. "Betas in the Army" listed a large number of members, some of them well up in the ranks. A poem by Ralph Welles Keeler, Wesleyan, '04, "O Song That Lasts," was in memory of Raymond Duy Baird. Franklin E. Vaughan, Chicago, '98, described the new chapter house at Chicago, and Elwood T. Street, Western Reserve, '12, the new one at Reserve. There were also accounts of the houses at Pennsylvania and at Iowa State.

The personal studies included sketches of George Bellows, Ohio State, '05, with reproduction of four of his paintings, of Carl M. Gantvoort, Cincinnati, '04, winning success on the operatic stage, of Rev. Samuel H. Young, Wooster, '75, famous Alaska missionary and author, of Congressman Jack Beal, Texas, '90, and Arthur Blyth Rouse, Hanover, '96, and of Professors Charles R. Henderson, Chicago, '70, and Frank A. Sherman, Dartmouth, '70. The accounts of seven district reunions and of banquets at Chicago, with 196 present, at Cleveland and Seattle featured the social life of the fraternity.

There were 50 pages given to the Interfraternity Conference Minutes and articles of a general nature: "Reducing the Cost of Chapter House Living," from the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*, "The Chapter Library," by Frank W. Scott, from the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*, "The Sorority Flags," illustrated, from the Alpha Chi Omega *Lyre*, "Scholarship and College Activities," by Thomas Arkle Clark, reprinted, "The College and Candidate: A Vital Catechism for Both," by President William DeWitt Hyde, reprinted from the New York *Times*, and "Fraternity Life at Kansas, as Seen by an Oxford Graduate," from the Kansas City *Star*.

Volume XL, for 1912-1913, reported the installation on October 5, 1912, of Gamma Alpha chapter at the University of South Dakota. There was a lively convention story by St. John Perret, Tulane, '08, "When Greek Meets Greek." William H. Gaylord, Western Reserve, '64, contributed an historical article of great interest on "The First Beta Song Book." Charles E. Moore, Yale, '04, told of the experiences of that chapter from 1901 to 1904, and from 1905 to 1907. "A Chapter's Social Life," by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, was an illustrated story about Alpha Eta chapter, and his "Before the Log Fire," recounted the conversation of a group of Kansas City Betas who gathered in a circle of twenty in a club ingleside after a banquet. There were reports of banquets at Philadelphia and at Seattle,

the philosophic toast, "Genius," of Maverick Terrell, De Pauw, '96, being published, and the records of several district reunions also told of well-attended banquets.

College interests were represented by an article about the University of South Dakota, an illustrated story of "Some Prominent Beta Athletes of New England," by Harry C. France, Wesleyan, '13, and short illustrated sketches of several Beta college presidents, including William Grant Seaman, De Pauw, '91, of Dakota Wesleyan, Huber W. Hurt, Iowa Wesleyan, '04, of Lombard, William J. Martin, Davidson, '88, of his Alma Mater, and Dr. James K. Patterson, Hanover, '56, for forty years president of the University of Kentucky. Two illustrations attended accounts of the work



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of Bishops William O. Shepard, De Pauw, '85, and Wilbur P. Thirkield, Ohio Wesleyan, '76, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Other articles of a personal nature, illustrated, concerned Howard Sutherland, Westminster, '89, member of congress, William T. Haines, Maine, '76, governor of Maine, Louis P. Harvey, Cincinnati, '40, Civil War governor of Wisconsin, Wilbur F. Stone, De Pauw, '57, Colorado jurist, George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, newly elected trustee of the fraternity, and John S. Wise, Virginia, '67, noted attorney and author. A group of six Betas in Japan accompanied an interesting story of how they met at a summer resort in that country, four of them engaging in a spirited tennis match before they discovered their fraternity kinship.

Eugene J. Voight, Ohio '13, described the new house at Athens and Arthur Ray Warnock, Illinois, '05, the new one at Champaign, the Missouri and Virginia chapter homes also having illustrated stories. Another installment of "Records of the Past" presented some interesting correspondence of earlier days. Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, reviewed the seventh edition of Baird's Manual.

The general articles, most of them reprints from newspapers or other fraternity magazines, were numerous. The Interfraternity Conference at New York was given generous space. "An Innovation in Fraternity Practice" told of the welcome accorded by a Phi Delta Theta national convention to William A. Trimpe of Sigma Chi and Francis W. Shepardson of Beta Theta Pi, members of the executive committee of the Conference. "The Problems Facing Fraternities," from the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, "Fraternities on the Defensive," by Walter B. Palmer, from *Banta's Greek Exchange*, "Behind Fraternity Shutters," by H. E. Wade of Delta Phi, from the New York *Independent*, "The Cost of Going to College," from the New York *Evening Post*, "The Beginnings of College Fraternities," by A. A. Shearer, a Delta Upsilon, from the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*, "High School Fraternities, Especially as Related to College Fraternities," by J. Calvin Hanna, "Chapter House Values," by H. H. R. MacDonald of the Toronto chapter, '09, "The Fraternity House in Order," by A. R. Warnock, Illinois, '05, "Fraternity Regulation at the University of Texas," "Rank of National Fraternities," from the Pi Kappa Alpha *Shield and Diamond*, and "The Wanderings of Ulysses," from the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, telling with much general fraternity information the history of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity in expansion. The editor also furnished a large amount of interesting information through his department, "The Greek World," containing many short reprints from other fraternity publications, as well as his own observations on statements and claims made by other fraternity leaders. This department was a feature of the period of editorship of the magazine by William R. Baird.

Volume XLI for 1913-1914 opened with an article on the Convention by Frank J. Kent of Bethany chapter, this being supplemented by one on "The Impressions of a Petitioner." There were articles on the University of Utah and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the first of which saw a Beta chapter installed on October 24 and 25, 1913, and the second on December 6, these occasions being attended by the usual ceremonies which were reported for the magazine. The commemoration of the first quarter century of the Denver chapter and of a similar period for the Knox chapter since its revival in 1888 were properly noted. Arthur C. Perry, Kansas, '14, wrote an interesting story regarding the Kansas chapter, and the chapter homes at Colorado, Rutgers, De Pauw and Northwestern were described. H. V. H. Proskey, Wesleyan, '11, told of the "Raimond Duy Baird Memorial at Wesleyan University" and Harry C. France, Wesleyan, '13, contributed a review of some prominent Beta athletic performances under the title, "The Elite of the East Under Wooglin's Tutelage." There was a bit of fiction by Richard Roelofs, of the Colorado Chapter, "A Condition or Theory, Which?"

The personal items were numerous. They treated of Charles D. Young, Cornell, James Worden Pope, Indiana, of the United States Army, Dean Herbert C. Tolman, Yale, John R. Simpson, Miami, Leon R. Taylor, Denison, unexpectedly made Governor of New Jersey, Edward O. Sisson, Chicago, prominent western educator, Harold S. Boardman, Maine, of the University of Maine, John G. Pollard, Richmond, made Attorney-General of the state of Virginia, Joseph D. Eggleston, Hampden-Sidney, leading Virginia educator, David N. Tallman, Union, Thomas Allen, Washington, famous painter, George H. Perkins, Knox, '67, veteran New England professor, Ben-

jamin A. Kimball, Dartmouth, '54, and Gen. James A. Beaver, Washington-Jefferson, '56, noted Pennsylvania political leader and devoted Beta who died on January 31, 1914.

Fraternity articles included, "The Mississippi Decision" covering a test case, "The Fraternity Chapter and the University," by Joel Johansen, '04, of the University of Washington; "Co-operative Chapter House Management at Cornell," by A. B. Weller; an "Opinion on College Fraternities," by Kansas Attorney-General John S. Dawson; "Efficiency," by Col. James B. Curtis, president of Delta Tau Delta; "The Local Interfraternity Conference," by William R. Baird, reprinted from *Banta's Greek Exchange*; and "The Chicago Greek-Letter Conference," by D. E. W. Wenstrand, reprinted from the



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Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. There was a lengthy editorial discussing the ever troublesome T. N. E.

The volume recorded the usual reunions and banquets of a year and noted specially the St. Louis honor banquet where 106 attended and the great gathering at Chicago, where the added attraction of an initiation brought out over 200 members of the fraternity.

Volume XLII for 1914-1915 contained "The Convention of 1914" by Francis W. Shepardson and "Inviting the Hearse, or The Convention in Verse," by Arthur W. Lambert, Washington. The notable paper, "Beta Theta Pi: The Achievements of Seventy-Five Years," prepared for the St. Louis Convention by William Raimond Baird, was printed for the benefit of the larger company of magazine readers. Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, in "A Beta Theta Pi Who's Who," reviewed Baird's "Betas of Achievement."

College articles included two by Harry M. Ziegler, Kansas State, '14, one describing the college and the other the installation of Gamma Epsilon chapter on October 17, 1914; one by Dean J. G. Eldridge about the University of Idaho, where Gamma Gamma was established on September 18 and 19, 1914, as described by Jean P. Gerlough, Idaho, '16; and a descriptive article about Colorado College and a report of the installation of Gamma Delta chapter there on September 26, 1914. There also were accounts of new houses at Cornell, Toronto and Westminster chapters, and a story of Colgate "C" men told of athletic prowess at Hamilton.

General Secretary Francis W. Shepardson, in connection with a busy year in his office, furnished "Swinging Round with Wooglin," "A Day with the Board of Trustees," "The Fraternity and the Central West," "Week Ends with the Chapters," and "Visiting the Chapters." Other fraternity articles were, "The Meaning of Beta Theta Pi" (poem) by Samuel Shaw Parks, Amherst, '86; "A Reminiscence of the Early Fifties," by Robert C. Galbraith, Miami, '53; "The Menace of Expansion," by Sidney Howard, California, '15; "Choosing the Chapter Secretary," by D. L. Halverson, Beloit, '15; "A Beta Banquet in War-Time," by Walter W. Holt, Denison, '13, describing a Toronto gathering; "The Fraternity and Democracy," a speech made by Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, at the 13th Panhellenic Conference session; "The District Chiefs," by the editor, William Raimond Baird; and "The Anti-Fraternity Fight in Texas" by Clay W. Beckner, Texas, '17.

Personal articles told of William L. Graves, Ohio State, '93, promoted from the District Chiefship to be Trustee of the fraternity; Josiah H. Wolcott, Wesleyan, '01, made Attorney-General of Delaware; Horace H. Lurton, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who died July 12, 1914; Edwin H. Munger of the Miami chapter who went down to Centre and started Epsilon chapter at the time of the "snow rebellion" at Oxford; John R. Dobyns, Westminster, '74, George H. Pegram, Washington, '77; John C. Acheson, Centre, '97; Rush Taggart, Wooster, '71; Robert E. Macalarney, Dickinson, '93; Joseph R. Wilson, Jefferson, '44, father of President Woodrow Wilson; Ephraim H. Harding, Hampden-Sidney, '57; and a group of journalists, including Arthur S. Hoffman, Ohio State, '97, Harry J. Smith, Chicago, '96, Herbert F. Gunnison, St. Lawrence, '80, James O'Donnell Bennett, Michigan, '93, Edward S. Beck, Michigan, '93, Russell R. Whitman, Kansas, '93, and Leroy Tudor Vernon, Chicago, '00.

The Sixth Session of the national Interfraternity Conference and the Chicago Interfraternity banquet were both fully reported. The social side of life was illustrated by reports of banquets connected with ten district reunions and other gatherings at Boston, where 168 assembled, Salt Lake City, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver and Toronto.

Volume XLIII for 1915-1916 had a cream-colored cover, with the border and the name in tan. Special No. 1 had a bright purple cover and Special No. 2 one of coffee brown. There was no change in design. "The Convention Pilgrimage," by Malcolm S. Black, St. Lawrence, '16, described the transcontinental trip over the Santa Fe road which was taken by the delegates to the convention at Oakland, California, a special Beta train being enjoyed. "When Greek Meets Greek," by Leroy A. Mullen, Davidson, '16, and some unusually interesting editorials by William Raimond Baird also referred to the convention experiences. "In the Beginning," by Guy C. Earl, California, '83, was a convention speech, recounting early days of the

California chapter. "George Fitch," by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, told of the closing Beta experiences of the famous "Siwash" writer, who died just before the convention met, and the volume contained another appreciation of him copied from the magazine of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Arthur N. Pack, Williams, '14, described the refounding of the Williams chapter, and there were illustrated articles about the new homes of the chapters at Amherst, Yale, and Ohio Wesleyan. The volume was rich in personal articles regarding Betas of achievement during the year or those who passed away. Notable among the latter were two about Bishop David H. Moore, one about Charles H. Adams, who wrote the "Parting Song," and Associate Justice Joseph R. Lamar, former General Secretary of the



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fraternity. "Benedictus," by W. A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, described, with musical notes accompanying, a grace selected by Professor James T. Hatfield, Northwestern, '83, and designed for table use in chapter houses. There were illustrated articles on Hanover, Centre, and Westminster colleges and a good account by Ralph K. Potter, Whitman, '17, of the installation of the new chapter in that institution. "Hanover Beta Rock," by George Amick, Hanover, '17, told the story of the famous ledge in the ravine near the college so closely intertwined with the annals of the early chapter. "Betas as Peace Makers," by Lamar Tooze, Oregon, '16, recounted the experiences of four Betas on the famous peace ship sent out by Henry Ford. The statement setting forth the qualifications of "A Good Chapter of Beta Theta Pi," by Francis W. Shepardson, appeared for the first time.

The volume reprinted from other fraternity magazines a dozen articles bearing upon different phases of chapter and college life, such as "Comity,"

"Does the Modern College Man Learn Luxury?," "Fraternity Obligations" (about chapter-house notes), "The Future of the Fraternities," "The Relation of Fraternities to the University," "The Inter-Fraternity Conference," "The Oxford College and the American Fraternity," "The Mississippi Case," "New System of Dormitories at Northwestern," "Obligations of Graduate Fraternity Men toward their Undergraduate Fellows" (an unusually interesting paper by O. H. Cheney of Phi Gamma Delta, presented to the Inter-fraternity Conference), and "Scholarship: An Appeal to the Alumni."

Volume XLIV for 1916-1917 appeared in a light tan cover, the border and title in green. It was the last volume edited by William Raimond Baird, who died during the year. Among the interesting articles were, "When Wooglin Goes to Dixie," by Leroy A. Mullen, Davidson, '16, "Lost Fraternity Men," by James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, "Convention Impressions," by Thomas S. Barclay, Missouri, '15. Francis W. Shepardson, the General Secretary, contributed several articles describing his travels among the chapters, such as "At Georgia Tech," "Scouting in Dixieland," "Scouting in the Southland," "Here and There in Betadom," and also an article telling of the dedication of the George Fitch Memorial Hall in the Knox chapter house. He also wrote "The South Dakota Tragedy" and "The Man Who Lost Out," the latter reprinted from *Banta's Greek Exchange*. "Alpha Gamma's Fiftieth Birthday," by Charles B. Zimmerman, Wittenberg, '11, and descriptions of new chapter houses at Oklahoma, Kansas State, and Indiana had special Beta interest.

The war cloud was reflected in "The Fraternity Militant," a convention banquet toast by Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, "Betas at Plattsburgh," by Richard Roeloffs, Jr., Chicago, '17, and accounts of Beta dinners at El Paso and at Fort Leavenworth. Arthur Lambert, Washington, '12, contributed "A Letter to George Fitch," Andrew R. Sheriff, Harvard, '96, another convention banquet toast, "Alumni and Undergraduate," and Leroy A. Chambliss, Davidson, '17, a reply to a fraternity article printed in the previous volume, his topic being "Concerning Snobbery and Standards of Fraternity Membership."

There were estimates of many individual Betas of distinction, among these being William I. Gooding, Dickinson, '74, Charles J. Seaman, Denison, '71, and Reuben W. Millsaps, De Pauw, '54, who died during the year; also of Aimara Sato, De Pauw, '81, together with an account of a Beta banquet in his honor, Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85, governor of Illinois, Charles H. Brough, Johns Hopkins, '98, governor of Arkansas, and Frank A. Gallup, Colgate, '90. Part of one number was devoted to a record of the life of William Raimond Baird and to appreciations of him from distinguished leaders of other fraternities.

The volume contained a dozen articles of general fraternity interest, reprinted from other publications, such as "An Analysis of the Chapter Letter," "Bunk or Junk," "College Democracy," "Chapter Standards," "The College Hyphen," "The Fraternity and the Small College," "False Standards of Fraternity Members," "Inter-fraternity Relations," "Rushing and the Rushee," "Son William is Rushed by a Frat," "The Chapter Letter," and "The Inter-fraternity Conference."



REPRESENTATIVE BETAS OF 1928

This remarkable picture, taken with a background of Colorado mountains, shows the Chapter Presidents who were in attendance upon the Broadmoor Convention, 1928, under the increasingly popular plan of selecting the chapter executive elect as the convention delegates.

CHAPTER XV

THE BETA THETA PI MAGAZINE

UNDER FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON'S EDITORSHIP

Volume XLV for 1917-1918 was issued under the editorship of Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, continuing as publisher. The same cover was used as in the last volume, but, owing to the war, only four regular numbers were published in addition to the two special ones. The volume was permeated by the war spirit, several groups of Betas in camp being shown and the sentiment of the fraternity being made manifest in its "War Time Faith and War Time Pledge." In "Beta Theta Pi Militant," Francis W. Shepardson reviewed the record of fraternity members in previous wars of the country, listing those who had part in the Mexican and Spanish-American wars and summarizing achievements of the Civil War. In some spirited lines, "Our Youth," Arthur H. Quinn, Pennsylvania, '94, interpreted the patriotism of the boys at the front. "Never Mind Me: Carry On" told the story of supreme sacrifice by Toronto Betas and gave the names of those who subscribed to the great fund by which the Toronto chapter house was kept open during the war, even though almost the entire membership had enlisted. A letter from Stanley F. Bryan, "Firing the First Shot," and a diary record, "Experiences of an Ambulance Driver in France," by W. H. Buell, Syracuse, '18, told something of what Betas were doing in the service. "A Watcher at the Eastern Gate," by W. F. Mozier, Iowa, '86, was one of several articles which described the great work for the boys done by the New York Beta Club, while "The American University Union in France" told of methods of maintaining morale on the other side of the water. "Pictures Burned in Memory," by C. W. Whitehair, De Pauw, '09, a Y.M.C.A. secretary's story, and an account of the appointment of Eldon R. James, Cincinnati, '96, as "An Adviser in Siam," gave additional information regarding the wide-spread activities of Betas during this stirring year. One entire number was devoted to pictures and records of Betas "In the Service of Humanity."

In spite of the dominance of the military, the volume contained much of other matter of value. "The Early Records of the Michigan Chapter," rescued from oblivion by a strange chance, were printed in full. "Betas on the 1917 Gridiron," by Kenneth Rogers, Syracuse, '17, was fully illustrated. "A Pilgrimage to Washington and Lee," by L. A. Chambliss, Davidson, '18, told of the famous old college and the institution of a new chapter there. There was a tribute to George H. Bruce, Centre, '99, the new General Secretary of the fraternity, and one to J. Harold Ryan, Yale, '08, the new trustee. A gracious appreciation of William Raimond Baird was from the pen of former president Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, who also contributed "A Review of the Catalogue of 1917." An unusually interesting personal item was "Pat: A True Beta Type," by Philo H. Rounds, Whitman, '15, this being a tribute to John H. Henderson of the Whitman chapter.

Betas of unusual distinction during the year were recognized by special articles, among them being Major General Enoch H. Crowder, Missouri, '87, Dr. George W. Riley, Pennsylvania, '95, Gordon A. Ramsay, Northwestern, '96, John H. Gates, Iowa, '88, Alfred R. L. Dohme, Johns-Hopkins, '86, Charles E. Yeater, Missouri, '80, and Darius A. Davis, Syracuse, '07. The death of a former official, Ralph K. Jones, Maine, '86, of Congressman John M. Allen, Cumberland, '70, of Harry A. Hitchcock, Cornell, '00, and of Henry B. Herrick, Western Reserve, '88, found proper recognition.

Volume XLVI for 1918-1919 appeared in a cover of dark bluish gray. The January number was a special service number, summarizing in a way the work of fraternity members during the war. "Beta Theta Pi in Khaki" and "The Service Stars of Gold" also recalled the late conflict. The con-



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vention at White Sulphur Springs was described in two articles by S. Raymond Thornburg, Ohio Wesleyan, '15, and by Francis W. Shepardson. "Beloit's Beta Beginnings," by Frank G. Ensign, Beloit, '00, "The District Chief," by George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, were two contributions which attracted much attention. "Midwest Beta Round-Up at Champaign" told of a special meeting of Betas at the Illinois chapter house, and "O When Our Sons to College Go" listed the grandsons, sons, brothers, and other relatives of Betas enrolled in the chapters of the year. The historical paper, "A Decade in Inter-fraternity Comity," read by Francis W. Shepardson before the Inter-fraternity Conference in New York, was reprinted. The volume also contained a tribute to James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, and the announcement of his withdrawal from the publishing end of the magazine after a quarter of a century of remarkably faithful and efficient service.

Volume XLVII for 1919-1920 carried the same cover as the preceding

year and was issued in four regular and two special numbers, the disorganizing influence of the war still being manifest. "The McConnell Memorial" at the University of Virginia, was described, this being an unusual monument to J. R. McConnell, Virginia, '10, who died while flying for France. "The Spirit of a Beta," by District Chief E. Vernon Hahn, Wabash, told of letters written home by Osric M. Watkins, Wabash, '18, a war sacrifice, and W. F. Mozier, Iowa, '86, again reviewed "The New York Club's War Work." There also were two illustrated articles about surgeons George G. Davis, Chicago, '01, and Kellogg Speed, Chicago, '01. The work of Dr. Francis C. Wood, Ohio State, '91, famous cancer expert, was described. Clarence J. Rosebery, Illinois, '05, and Kenneth Rogers, Syracuse, '17, contributed valuable articles on "Financing a Chapter House," each writing from his personal experience. Dr. H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, in "The Odyssey of a District Chief," told of his experiences while on an extended chapter visitation trip, and his son, H. Sheridan Baketel, Jr., Dartmouth, '20, wrote his "Convention Impressions." H. Collins Wight, Denison, '07, described "An Ohio Beta Round-Up" at Dayton and "The Indianapolis Lowden Dinner" told of another notable social gathering of the year. The death of John S. Goodwin, De Pauw, '77, was noted with appropriate tribute to this well-known Beta enthusiast. A special illustrated article was devoted to the leading athletes of the year, including quite a number of Beta physical directors.

Francis W. Shepardson provided five articles on "An Epoch-Marking Convention," "Beta Endowments," "Family Names in the Fraternity," "An Old-Time Memory Book" (with some very interesting reproductions of pictures of Washington and Jefferson Betas), and "A Package of Old Letters." Other articles of historic interest were "The Denison Semi-Centennial," by Ralph G. Elvin, Denison, '11, and "Out of Theta's Archives," by S. Raymond Thornbury, Ohio Wesleyan, '15. "Colleges of 1839," an interesting compilation of statistics of the colleges of that historic year, found among the papers of William R. Baird, testified to the paucity of educational opportunities in the United States, at the time of the foundation of the fraternity. Two delightful bits of fraternity sentiment found expression in "Ties of Fraternity," by Grove D. Curtis, Kenyon, '80, and in verse, in "A Beta Sort o' Way," by W. C. Jacquin, Illinois, '18.

Volume XLVIII for 1920-1921 appeared with cover unchanged. The publication of "An Historic Photograph," by James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, called out "Antecedents of an Historic Photograph," by E. J. Brown, Hanover, '73, the two articles together telling the story of the union of Alpha Sigma Chi with Beta Theta Pi. Other historical articles, grouped under the title, "Beta Beginnings" were contributed by Francis W. Shepardson, who also recalled an exciting time at Indiana Asbury, connected with the life of Judge Wilbur F. Stone which closed during the year. "Kinship in Lambda," by George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, and "Michigan Chapter Memorials" were important. "A Veteran of Old Psi," by Donald L. Boyd, Bethany, '21, told of T. T. Holton, '62, and "Delta's Dad," by George Sammons, De Pauw, '20, of Richard M. Baker, '65, Curtis Nettles, Kansas, '21, described some of the "Notable Kansas Betas." There were other personal articles, about "Leroy Tudor Vernon," Chicago, '00, "Ricketts and His Scriptorium" (C. L. Ricketts, Ohio, '84) and Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98, newly chosen trustee of the fraternity.

An unusually valuable contribution was "Limiting the Size of Chapters," by John R. Simpson, Miami, '99. "Training the Freshmen," by O. D. Williams, Westminster, '22, had good suggestions. "Badges in Pawn Shops," by James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, told some of the tricks of the pawn-brokers in the cities in connection with fraternity insignia. The "New Chicago Chapter House" was described by Dunlap C. Clark, Chicago, '17, and the editor and Grove Curtis, in collaboration, recalled the long friendship of the Kenyon and Denison chapters. Special No. 2 appeared as "The Year Book of the Fraternity," an attempt being made to show actual achievements of the year through a different plan of arrangement of the information furnished the General Secretary.

Volume XLIX for 1921-1922 contained four regular numbers and two specials, the former with green covers, the latter with brown. Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, described his "Alumni Organization Plan" in an interesting article. Walter L. Graves, Ohio State, '93, contributed, "When I First Met Pater Knox," a pleasing reminiscence, and "Henry S. Houghton," a story of the work done in the Far East by his chapter mate. Another personal story, about "Kris Kristenson, Wesleyan, '17," was by Ralph W. Keeler, Wesleyan, '04. "An Early Cat-Tale," by Junius E. Beal, Michigan, '82, told of some of the joys of book-collecting, especially when items of fraternity value were found. Kenneth Rogers, Syracuse, '17, with two assistants, recounted the achievements of "Betas of the 1921 Gridiron." Historical articles included "Beloit Beta Beginnings," by Lathrop E. Smith, Beloit, '62, "Kenyon Chapter Beginnings," by James P. Nelson, Washington and Lee, '69, and two studies by Francis W. Shepardson, "Beta Beginnings at Denison," and "Beta Beginnings at Knox." He also told of "The Convention of 1921," "The Songs of Beta Theta Pi," and "The Philosophy of Beta Theta Pi." "Beta Musicians at Idaho," by A. J. G. Priest, Idaho, '18, and "The New Hanover," by Fred Pentlarge, Hanover, '22, and an account of "The New Knox House" reflected undergraduate life. In a separate classification, "The Voice of the Undergraduates," several suggestive letters from the chapters were printed. Alumni activities brought about a dinner to Minister to Austria A. H. Washburn, Cornell, '89, and a fine gathering at Philadelphia, the latter described by Gordon S. Smyth, Pennsylvania, '18. The "Baird Library Agreement," setting forth the arrangement with the New York Public Library, was printed for record purposes. Appropriate notice was made of the passing of Boies Penrose, Harvard, '81, United States Senator, and of the elevation of John C. Jones, Westminster, '79, to the presidency of the University of Missouri. In "One Hundred Betas of Achievement," the editor attempted a listing of notable Beta leaders of the period.

Volume L, for 1922-1923 was published with dark steel gray covers, the two specials being in French blue. An experiment was tried of printing the name of the magazine in English in the September and October issues; but the Greek type was then resumed. Historical articles included "Fifty Years Ago," by E. J. Brown, Hanover, '73, "Burial of Joel Battle" (poem about Joel Battle, Miami, '59), "Alpha Nu's Semi-Centennial," by P. N. Stephenson, Kansas, '21, and "The General Secretaryship," by the editor. "The Chapter President," by Kenneth Rogers, Syracuse, '17, was a valuable contribution to administrative literature. New chapter houses were described as follows: "Beta Omega's New Home," by N. B. Beck, University of Wash-

ington, '23, "New House at Colgate," by Stuart N. Updike, Colgate, '24, and "The Dedication at Syracuse," by Kenneth Rogers, Syracuse, '17. "E. Collins, 2b," a reprint in praise of a nationally known Beta baseball player, "A Church of All Nations," by Ralph W. Keeler, Wesleyan, '04, describing the mission in charge of John R. Henry, Wesleyan, '98, "A Beta in Near East Relief," by Carl J. Chapin, Wesleyan, '20, telling of the work of his Beta classmate, Byron D. MacDonald, "A Beta Boosts the Budget," by Ralph B. Miller, Denison, '06, outlining the task so successfully performed by Gordon A. Ramsay, Northwestern, '96, in the budget bureau at Washington, and "A Beta Ambassador," describing the American representative in Cuba, Enoch H. Crowder, Missouri, '86, were five strong articles showing the prominence of members of the fraternity. At the same time, "A



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Beta Christian Knight," telling of the career of the lamented Bishop Charles D. Williams, Kenyon, '80, and "Memorial to Sam Walter Foss," Brown, '82, recalled choice spirits of the departed. Gurdon G. Black, Washington, '01, wrote of a big St. Louis dinner where 134 were present and another story described a gathering at Portland, Oregon, of 155 more. T. P. Johnston, Davidson, '14, reported a visit to Alexander W. Pitzer, Hampden-Sydney, '54, in an interesting article entitled "Seventy Years a Beta." There were personal tributes also to Harry J. Smith, Chicago, '96, Mortimer L. Schiff, Amherst, '96, and Dr. George Collie, of Beloit, the last by Roger Tuttrup, Beloit, '24.

General Secretary Bruce, in "A Flying Southwestern Trip," recounted his experiences in a vacation visit to distant chapters. "In the Land of the Dakotahs" was the title of an article by W. D. McClure, Minnesota, '22, supplementing one by Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95, telling of the

installation of a chapter at the University of North Dakota, as, in another number he described the installation of the Oklahoma State chapter. "An English College Man's View of Fraternity," was reprinted from a popular magazine. "Five Letters," reproduced communications from all the presidents of the fraternity, which had been framed and hung upon the walls of the Denison chapter house. "A Famous Beta's Unique Will" was the last testament of Dr. J. K. Patterson of the Hanover chapter, who was president of the University of Kentucky for more than forty years.

Volume LI, for 1923-1924, appeared in steel gray covers, the two specials being in corn. No chapter letters were printed, a new department being substituted, "In Beta's Broad Dominion," chapter letters contributed being broken up into items of interest. Historical articles included "Rho's Semi-Centennial," by William J. Harris, Northwestern, '11, "James George Smith," by Francis W. Shepardson, some entirely new material relating to this founder, "The Ohio Chapter in 1861," this being a description of the Betas by a member of Delta Tau Delta, "Three New Beta Letters," these being important finds among the possessions of Founder Smith, "The Links of Our Bond Fraternal," telling of Roger Williams, Miami, '72, and the Shaw family, "The Kenyon Centennial," by Warren J. Rusk, Kenyon, '24, and a reproduction of "The Dog Latin Souvenir" of the convention of 1872. A. J. Priest, Idaho, '18, reported the "Corvallis Chapter Constituted," Richard D. Mealand, Pennsylvania, '26, the housewarming at Pennsylvania, in "The Circle of Phi," and Kenneth Rogers, Syracuse, '17, the "New Syracuse House." Plans for the new Denison house foretold progress.

The White Sulphur Springs convention brought out "Through the Eyes of a District Chief," by A. J. Priest, Idaho, '18, "Impressions of My First Convention," by George B. Galloway, Wesleyan, '20, "About Three Conventions," by the mother and sister of District Chief Dunlap C. Clark, Chicago, '18, and "A Beta Hike Conventionward," the interesting experiences on the road of H. C. Voris, '23, and T. J. Kirkpatrick, '24, of the Hanover chapter, who walked to the convention along the main traveled road.

There were special articles about notable Betas of the year, including William A. Pusey, Vanderbilt, '85, head of the American Medical Association, John B. Klumpp, Stevens, '94, head of the American Gas Association, Donald Macrae, Jr., Iowa, '90, head of the Western Surgical Society, Guy Gundaker, Cornell, '96, head of Rotary International, and James S. Buchanan, Cumberland, '85, chosen acting president of the University of Oklahoma. "A Professor Plus," reprinted from a popular magazine, paid a remarkable tribute to William L. Graves, Ohio State, '93. "From Cherished Sire to Sons," told the story of the Whallon family of Hanover chapter, and "The Kinnisons," by Bert S. Stephenson, Ohio State, '01, that of another Beta family from Ohio and Ohio State. James T. Brown wrote "The Dole Family," in which seven of nine are members of the fraternity. Fred M. Hammett, Brown, '80, described the "Brown Chapter's Summer Outing," George H. Casey, Bowdoin, '19, reported "Some Beta Track Records," and also recounted the achievements of "Homer Hazel, All American End." There was an interesting story regarding "Betas and the Keokuk Dam," and another one on "Fire Insurance as a Field for Betas."

"The Chicago Beta Club" proclaimed, with illustrations, the opening of a second club house for members of the fraternity living in a large city. Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25, gave an account of "The Indiana State Ban-

quet," a large gathering at Indianapolis. "A Beta Admiral," by Lewis Thornburg, Lehigh, '14, presented Admiral Luther E. Gregory, Columbia, '93. Kenneth Rogers Syracuse, '17, described a portrait placed in Mercersburg Academy to the memory of Wilbert W. White, Wooster, '12, and also furnished the musical scores of several new songs he had written. In "A Beta Association Ended," the half-century partnership of Thomas J. Keating and Henry J. Booth, Denison Betas of the class of 1873, was related, a law association closed only by death.

In the editorial responsibilities of this volume aid was rendered by three associate editors, H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, S. Raymond Thornburg, Ohio Wesleyan, '15, and Kenneth W. Rogers, Syracuse, '17, and by a group of staff assistants including James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, Gurdon G. Black, Washington, '01, George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, Erl H. Ellis, Colorado, '10, Edward Maguire, Cornell, '84, A. J. G. Priest, Idaho, '18, Clarence I. Spellman, Kansas, '95, Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95, Charles K. Winne, Johns-Hopkins, '97, and Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25.

Volume LII for 1924-1925 was issued with five regular numbers in steel gray cover, and with blue for the two special numbers. Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25, contributed several unusual articles, including "Kinship in Indiana Chapter," "How Hoosiers Have Worn the Badge," "An Initiation at Waveland," and an account of the annual Indiana Beta Banquet, "Hoosiers Have Hurrah." District Chief A. J. Priest's letters to his chapters were reprinted as magazine articles, greatly to the satisfaction of the readers. He also contributed "An Early Diamond in the Rough," a story of Wittenberg chapter history as told him by Dr. George Scholl, Wittenberg, '68. Historical articles included "Fifty Years at Dickinson," by Robert W. Crist, Dickinson, '22, "An Anecdote of Founder Hardin," by H. A. Trexler, Whitman, '06, and a most important and revealing letter about "John Holt Duncan," from his nephew, D. H. Chamberlain of Brookhaven, Mississippi. Nine points of fraternity history were brought out in a compilation, "Did You Know?"

In "A Problem of Fraternity Policy," H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, proposed an Advisory Council of elder statesmen for the consideration of fraternity interests. Social affairs of special importance were "Kappa's Clambake," by Fred M. Hammett, Brown, '80, and "St. Louis Betas Have a Banquet," by J. Eugene Baker. Personal studies included a "Beta Cabinet Officer," in William M. Jardine, Kansas State, '04, and a recognition of the election of Henry F. Vaughan, Michigan, '12, as head of the American Public Health Association. R. M. Grant, Beloit, '22, gave praise to "Kansas Beta Journalists and Their Dean," the latter being Frank P. MacLennan, Kansas, '75. "At the Shrine on High," by Francis W. Shepardson, was an appreciation of the lamented Kenneth Rogers, Syracuse '17. A bit of verse, "Don Francisco Stuarto," by Ralph A. Kreimer of Cincinnati chapter, written in memory of Francis H. Stuart of the Kenyon chapter, was exceptionally fine and won much favorable comment.

George H. Casey, Bowdoin, '19, wrote "Football Stars of 1924," and other articles about Beta athletes. Ansel N. Mitchell, Kansas, '25, described "The Remodelled Kansas House." Edward J. Brown, Hanover, '73, out of his rich experience interpreted the real meaning of the fraternity in "The Abiding Values," an answer to a letter addressed to him by the president of Beta Theta Pi.

The editorial staff assistants for the year were James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, Gurdon G. Black, Washington, '01, Edward Maguire, Cornell, '84, A. J. G. Priest, Idaho, '18, Clarence I. Spellman, Kansas, '97, George H. Casey, Bowdoin, '19, and Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25.

Volume LIII for 1925-1926 contained six regular numbers and two specials, thus again reaching the pre-war size. It was published in French blue covers, with slightly variant design, showing small dragons in the corners. The special numbers were in corn colored covers. Historical articles included "North Carolina Beta Pioneers," by R. H. Frazier, North Carolina, '22, and others, "A North Carolina Memory Book," by John L. Rose, Denison, '21, "Beginnings of Beta Zeta," by Charles K. Gaines, St. Lawrence, '76, a paper of exceptional literary charm, "'Neath the Elms of Old Miami," by James M. Farber, Miami, '27, "Hanover Chapter Memorials," by John W. Pfaff, Hanover, '26, "A Hoosier Inquiry," by Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25, and an unusually valuable compilation by the same writer, "The District Chiefs of Beta Theta Pi."

Personal articles about prominent Betas included "A Beta Congressional Who's Who," by District Chief Clem L. Holding, North Carolina, '18, "Dwight Morrow, Beta of Achievement," by District Chief Harold J. Bailey, Amherst, '08, "Banker Betas," by Dunlap C. Clark, Chicago, '17, and "J. H. Tufts, A Beta Educational Leader," by the same writer, "Shepard Barclay," by Gurdon G. Black, Washington, '01, and "John Holliday Perry," by John W. Pfaff, Hanover, '26. There was an appreciation of William D. Turner, Bethany, '95, one of "The Ten," whose death was widely lamented, and touching tributes to Stephen Spaulding, Michigan, '27, and to Maurice Malone, the latter in an article, "Mike Malone: Carry On," by Everett L. Weaver, Toronto, '26.

Administrative literature was enriched by "A District Chief's Chapter Talk," by District Chief Raymond M. Myers, Texas, '15, by "Help the Pledges," by District Chief Clem L. Holding, North Carolina, '18, by District Chief A. J. Priest, Idaho, '18, through some additional letters to his chapters, by "Chapter Library Suggestions," by Edward Maguire, Cornell, '84, and by "Chapter Membership: A Study in Geography," by Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25. Athletic articles by George H. Casey, Bowdoin, '19, were "Among Beta Athletes," and "Bowdoin Beta Athletic History." "The Fraternity as a National Asset," a notable address by Vice-president John A. Blair, Wabash, '93, delivered before the Interfraternity Conference in New York, was reprinted from the records of that organization. "Betas and Belgian Relief" told a surprising story of the activity of members of the fraternity in that great after-the-war benefaction.

There was proper recognition of the election as United States Senator of Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., Wisconsin, '17, and of the choice of Walter P. Cooke, Cornell, '91, to head the Arbitral Tribunal under the Dawes Plan. The Bigwin convention was described by G. Atwood Manley, St. Lawrence, '16, under "Convention Impressions," and this meeting brought out "Something from Canada," by A. F. W. Plumptre, Toronto, '28. The account of "Kappa's Third Annual Outing," by Seth Gifford, Brown, '20, and "A Young Chapter's Achievements" (North Dakota), by Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95, "Beta Leaders in North Carolina," and "Beta Sires and Sons at Kansas," the last by E. H. Kimball, Kansas, '27, showed the social side of fraternity life.

The volume was rich in descriptions of new Beta chapter homes, including those at Nebraska, Wisconsin, Washington, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington State and Ohio. "A Noble Fane of Brotherhood" told of the meeting at Canton, New York, when the beautiful and artistic Abbott-Young memorial temple was dedicated in the presence of the donors and of the officers of the fraternity. There was also an account of the dedication in a Los Angeles church of a stained-glass window, as a memorial to the Betas who lost their lives in the world war, this conflict being further recalled by the reproduction of a photograph of the memorial to "Mike Malone."

Volume LIV for 1926-1927 contained six regular numbers and the two specials, these latter being bound in white covers, the regular numbers in henna. On several of the covers the familiar coat of arms was laid aside and a mortised table of contents was inserted in its place. The volume was notable for the large number of contributors, about sixty individuals providing one or more articles of some size and a much larger number sending in news items. The result of such co-operative effort was clearly reflected in the thousand pages of text. Of historical importance were "An Early Alumni Chapter at Memphis," "A Quarter Century at Illinois," "Eighty Years at Wabash," "A Quarter Century at the University of Washington," "Iota and the Hanover Centennial," and two articles by Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25, on Gavin Riley McMillan and James S. Roberts, pioneer Indiana Betas. "In Memory of Stephens Croom" and "A North Carolina Beta Pioneer" added to the store of information of the chapter at Chapel Hill before the Civil War. Some letters from Founder Hardin to Pater Knox, discovered in the Knox home, were of extraordinary importance. "First at Michigan" called attention to the researches of Shelby B. Shurtz into the facts of the history of Lambda chapter which have corrected a number of persistent errors.

Personal articles of value were many. A good many pictures of chapter presidents were printed and other chapter and college leaders were properly recognized by articles and pictures. Prominent Betas who died were paid due tribute, the list including David R. Francis, former ambassador, Joseph L. Rawlins, former senator, William Hood, distinguished engineer, Benjamin B. Odell, former New York governor, Edward L. Steele, Hartford judge, A. N. Grant, former General Secretary, Dr. Ernest A. Smith, who died just after his appointment as president of the University of Toledo, and Dr. Francis Lane, who was about to begin service in Rush Medical College of the University of Chicago. Among other important personal sketches were those about Harold J. Baily, new General Secretary, and Stratford L. Morton, new Trustee, Jack Haynes, Yellowstone photographer, A. B. McBeth, head of the American Gas Association, the Reverends B. F. Farber and W. W. Bustard, leading ministers, Ethan Allen of the Cincinnati baseball club, Dean E. K. Smiley of North Dakota, Charles B. Raymond of the Goodrich interests, Ralph Janney, theatrical promoter, Charles P. Taft, appointed prosecutor in Cincinnati, and Merrill E. Skinner, pushing forward along power lines.

In interests beyond American borders the activities of James Yen, Arthur Allen and William T. Hobart in connection with changes in China, and the work of John B. White and others in Belgian Relief were described. In interfraternity matters there was a full report of the 1926 conference in

New York, an appropriate tribute to William C. Levere, Sigma Alpha Epsilon leader, and an account of the new history of Phi Gamma Delta by William F. Chamberlin. Something of the life of the chapters was reflected in a series of articles by the editor, entitled "A President's Peregrinations."

Characterizations of Kenneth W. Rogers, by Gordon Smyth, accompanying the Rogers' poem, "The Light," and of William H. Carruth, by Clarence I. Spellman, accompanying "Each in His Own Tongue," were notable. An illustrated article by Edward Maguire, "Cornell Beta Memories," described briefly many of the Beta Delta members of years gone by. The Convention articles were unusually interesting, including "White Sulphur Revisited," by A. J. Priest; "A Convention of Workers," by W. W. Dawson; "Thrills of an Old Convention Goer," by James T. Brown, and a convention report made by Dean Stanley Coulter of Purdue when he was an undergraduate half a century ago.

Among the administrative articles were "Letter to a Leader," by Dean A. R. Warnock, sent out by him to each student president or other leader and generously permitted republication as a magazine contribution; "Is Expulsion Warranted," by J. Franklin Rodgers, a chapter counselor; "The Rocks Are Not Burning," part of a college address by Vice-President John A. Blair; "Alumni Votes in Chapter Meeting," by former President W. A. Hamilton, in answer to a request from the Board of Trustees; "Ranking Chapter Activities by Points," by Dr. H. Sheridan Baketel; "Alumni Chapter Organization," by Morris R. Ebersole, citing the famous "Diogenes Club" plan at Cincinnati, and "They Must Go," an editorial utterance against the relatively few unworthy members in the fraternity which was widely copied by the Greek press.



THE MINNESOTA CHAPTER HOUSE

Volume LV, for 1927-1928, contained five regular numbers and two specials, the yearbook having bound in with it a regular No. 6 of reduced size, largely devoted to a tribute to James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, long publisher of the magazine. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, continued as editor with Dr. H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, and Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25, as principal assistants. A new cover design, showing fraternity emblems intertwined, was used. The contents of the volume covered a wide range of fraternity interest, contributions during the year coming from many members. The historical articles included "Beta Brothers in 1855" and "Our Naval Academy Chapter" by Karl Fischer, a note by Charles E. Waters on "Fifty Years at Johns Hopkins," an editorial report on "Theta's Diamond Jubilee," and two exceptionally interesting bits of original material from Washington and Lee, discovered by E. Norris Smith among the manuscripts of his grand uncle, Samuel Cunningham Smith, '58. One of these was a chapter address in memory of the Washington and Lee Beta dead in the Civil War; the other a president's speech, reviewing ten years of the history of the chapter at Lexington.

Personal articles paid tribute to Frank O. Lowden, popular candidate for president of the United States; to Walter Cooke, back home after two years of service as president of the Arbitral Tribunal of Interpretation; to E. P. Lupfer, engineer of the peace bridge between Canada and the United States; to L. M. Lawson, international boundary commissioner on the Mexican border; to Dean Jay, international banker; to Dwight W. Morrow, ambassador to Mexico; to Edward C. Dinwiddie, staunch defender of prohibition laws; to Thomas M. Girdler, elected president of Jones and Laughlin Steel company; to Carl F. Danner, president of the American Hide and Leather corporation; to Frank M. Brewster, general manager of the Petroleum Reclamation company; to Charles M. Babcock, Minnesota road builder; to Richard C. Patterson, New York commissioner of correction; to Harold B. Smith, distinguished electrical engineer; to Edward Egan, Rhodes Scholar and amateur boxing champion of the world; to Adam Reisenberger, retiring after forty-six years as registrar of Stevens Institute of Technology; to Dunlap C. Clark, newly elected trustee of the fraternity; to two notable undergraduates, Michael Rapuano, winner of the Prix-de-Rome and Arthur H. Quinn, Jr.

Fully illustrated descriptive articles told of the new chapter homes at Denison, Purdue, Virginia, Westminster, Whitman and Yale, and a brief account of Millsaps College told of this memorial to Reuben W. Millsaps. There were three interesting stories about Beta singers, one by Dean Stanley Coulter, a second by Reverend S. N. Wilson, and the third telling of happy days long gone by at old Western Reserve College in Hudson, Ohio. "What It Meant to Them," a symposium, testified to the significance of the fraternity in the lives of a number of Betas. The generous gift by Dexter J. Tight, Denison, '12, of a thousand dollars to the Founders Fund was recorded. The exceptional cases of the Todd and Weld families were cited as notable ones in Beta kinship annals, two fathers of the Cincinnati chapter, each with four sons in the fraternity. "Three Beta Stars and the Chain of Things," by Atwood Manley, revealed the prominence in electrical power fields of three Beta contemporaries at St. Lawrence, Charles S. Brewer, '91, James F. McKinney, '93, and Owen D. Young, '94. Former president W. A. Hamilton,

Northwestern, '79, contributed a careful study of the scholarship of his chapter covering several decades of its history, and also wrote a spirited argument, maintaining the right of an alumnus to vote in chapter meeting.

Volume LVI, for 1928-1929, with little change in the contributing staff, included five regular issues, the convention minutes, the yearbook, and a third special number, the first listing of members of the Baird Fund, this taking the place of the regular November issue, the eight numbers together filling 1,036 pages. The same cover design was used, with varying colors, the special Baird Fund List being in canary. Historical articles included several which covered the half-century of Beta life at California and at Kenyon, twenty years at Tulane and the beginnings of the Knox chapter. Guy C. Earl, California, '83, contributed "Beginnings at Berkeley," the editor added "California Chapter Cullings," and William A. Magee, California, '87, provided "A Semi-Centennial Ode." For the Kenyon story, one of the chapter founders, Grove Curtis, contributed "The Birth of Beta Alpha," "Kenyon Chapter Beginnings," and, in verse, "Come Back to Gambier," the editor, out of personal memories adding two articles relating to the chapter at Gambier. How the chapter was reinvigorated after a lapse was told by the principal factor, Arthur A. Billman. Karl Fischer gave an interesting account of early Beta wearers of the golden key of Phi Beta Kappa. Some reprints of text and pictures from "Beta Theta Pi at Michigan" by Shelby B. Schurtz called attention to that important volume.

Among the personalities specially noted during the year were William F. Whiting, Secretary of Commerce under President Coolidge; Paul V. McNutt, American Legion commander; Smith Hickenlooper and Allen Cox, Federal judges; Harry Lyon, one of the trans-Pacific flyers, who thrilled the world; William H. Kendrick, of the famous camp near Weston, West Virginia, where the 4-H camp develops heads, hands, hearts, and health of boys and girls; Willis O. Robb, who at seventy, retired from his life work as a fire-insurance leader; H. C. Elmer, Cornell professor; Frank C. Jones, the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine; Stanley K. Hornbeck, oriental authority; Dr. C. H. Lavinder, elected president of the Military Surgeons of the United States; Thomas B. Bronson, teacher retiring after fifty years of service, with mention of his Beta son, a Stanford professor; Francis H. Sisson, New York banker as interpreted by a friendly newspaper correspondent; Alfred D. Cole, deceased Ohio State University faculty member; and William W. Trench, chosen secretary of the General Electric Company.

Special articles of interest included a note from the late Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus about the initiation at Delaware, Ohio, of Bronson Alcott, a story of "The Kansas Turkey Pull" by Webster Wilder, the reprint of two letters written to Mr. Wilder by Major Wyllys C. Ransom, and "Binding Beta's Bonds," by Stanley I. Davenport, a description of an ambitious plan of the Wesleyan chapter alumni to make that group "the best Beta brotherhood by 1930." J. C. Satterfield, president of the revived Mississippi chapter, told the story of "The Renaissance of Beta Beta." Harvey P. Hall, in "The Betas in Syria," recounted the educational influence through many years of Betas in the Near East. A dominating judicial influence in Colorado was described by Dean Roger Wolcott in "Betas on the Colorado Supreme Court," with special mention of present justices Greeley M. Whitford, Wilbur M. Aller, and Julian H. Moore. A tribute to the white life of Bishop Luther B.

Wilson and a note about Owen D. Young "At the Top of the World," with Sketches of Paul Pfuetze and Armistead Boothe, Rhodes Scholars, were types of articles showing the activities of Betas in the life of the day.

Edward Maguire in "Kinship at Cornell" showed how family ties have been influential in that chapter, an idea of Beta heredity also illustrated by group pictures of Colonel Edwin M. Hadley and his three Beta sons, Frank C. Daily and wife of Indiana and their three Beta sons, the three Muldrows, and the three Thompsons of the Oklahoma chapter. Some remarkably interesting associations of L. K. Jacobsen and Victor I. Mann in far-away Australia told of the happiness of the Beta tie the world around. The gift to the University of California mainly by alumni of Omega chapter of ten thousand dollars in memory of Charles S. Wheeler and Charles H. Bentley and the legacy of the lamented Rogers Crittenden of two thousand dollars to Beta Theta Pi, half to his chapter at Missouri and the other half to the Founders' Fund indicated the growth of the endowment idea in the fraternity.

Volume LVII, for 1929-1930, contained six regular numbers and two specials. An attractive new cover was used, with varying shades of stock, each number bringing out in pleasing style the emblems of the fraternity used in the decorative design. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, continued as editor-in-chief, with Dr. H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, and Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25, as principal associates. A large number of contributors from all parts of the world helped to make the volume one of the largest and most valuable in the history of the magazine.

The historical articles were of great importance. "The Maine Chapter Semi-Centennial" gave in full the historical address by Charles S. Bickford, Maine, '82, delivered in connection with the reunion and banquet at Orono in June, 1929. "A Half Century at Cornell," by Willard Austen, Cornell, '91, was a similar address which made the main feature of the semi-centennial celebration at Ithaca in October. Charles H. Clarke, Iowa, '84, wrote of the experiences of Alpha Beta through many years. Each of these articles was largely illustrated, making them unusually valuable contributions to the history of the fraternity. "Early Beta Days at Kansas," by Dr. Charles F. Bassett, Kansas, '76, one of the charter members of Alpha Nu, was an intimate narrative of beginnings; Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25, furnished a third illustrated historical article in an account of the old South Carolina chapter before the Civil War. This article was cited and extracts from it were printed in the *American Monthly Review of Reviews* for February, 1930, perhaps the first time the fraternity magazine had been represented in a standard publication of such high rank. Another article by Karl Fischer cleared up long-unsettled phases in the life of Thomas B. Graham, founder of the Indiana chapter.

The volume was rich in description of the splendid new houses built by the chapters at Oklahoma, Pennsylvania State, Denver, West Virginia and Iowa and of the remodeled and greatly improved houses of the Wabash, Miami and Chicago chapters. An unusually large number of interesting incidents of chapter life, many of them illustrated, brought the readers closer to the active members in the chapter homes. Chapter groups and groups of pledges shared attention with pictures of individual Beta campus leaders.

"Vocational Counsel for Betas," by Professor Lloyd E. Thatcher of the Mississippi chapter was an article of exceptional suggestiveness, as was "Rate

Yourself" by G. Herbert Smith, of the DePauw chapter, assistant dean of men for freshmen and foreign students at the University of Illinois. In "Life's Durable Satisfaction," General Secretary Harold J. Baily, Amherst, '08, directed attention of the undergraduates to certain types of art as of permanent value in life, using George Bellows, Ohio State, '95, most effectively. This article followed one about "A Promising Beta Painter," which described the development of Norman Bartlett Wright, Chicago, '22.

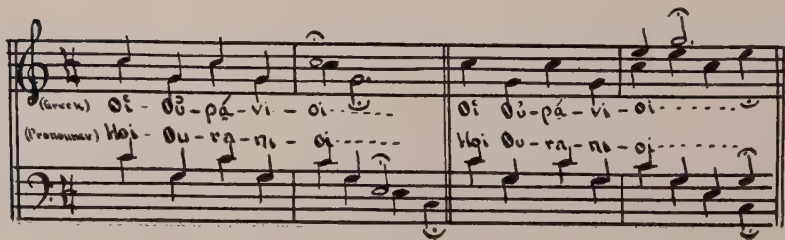
Gracious tributes to the memory of Walter E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan, '77, were paid by his long-time friends, Willis O. Robb, Sylvester G. Williams, and Guy C. Earl. Two men closely connected with the Kenyon chapter, James Poyntz Nelson and Grove Curtis, Philip N. Moore, Miami, '70, Webster E. Brown, Wisconsin, '74, a charter member of Alpha Pi chapter, Professor Thomas R. Willard, Knox, '66, George Scholl, Wittenberg, '68, Judge Alfred A. Frazier, Denison, '79, Wooster, '79, and Protestant Episcopal Bishop Davis Sessums, Virginia, '78, were among the illustrious dead of the year whose passing was properly noted. The life work of a former editor of the magazine and a Beta leader for years, Charles McGuffey Hepburn, Virginia, '80, was reviewed with praise for his contribution to the fraternity, to which his father and his sons also belonged.

Among living personalities of power who found place in the volume were Henry Upson Sims, president of the American Bar Association, Walter Lee Lingle, Davidson, '92, new president of his Alma Mater, Robert H. Fernald, Maine, '92, made dean of the Towne Scientific School, Dr. Joseph T. Nix, Tulane, '07, distinguished New Orleans surgeon, Tom M. Girdler, Lehigh, '01, famous leader in steel, Charles E. Skinner, Ohio State, '90, pioneer in industrial research, William R. Pattangall, Maine, '84, appointed chief justice of the Maine Supreme Court, and Dwight W. Morrow, Amherst, '95, ambassador and delegate to the naval conference.

A feature of special interest was a series of sketches of present-day workers in fraternity administration, showing, in rather a remarkable way, the deep-seated Americanism of these leaders, all of them descendants of colonial or revolutionary families. A story about "The William B. Parmelee Trust" told something of the ancestry of Parmelee, Western Reserve, '83, and of his gift to the fraternity of securities to provide a loan fund for undergraduates.

THE BETA CALL

FIRST COMPOSED AND USED BY BETA ZETA CHAPTER AT ST. LAWRENCE AND LATER ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONVENTION AS THE NATIONAL CALL



CHAPTER XVI

THE CATALOGUES

The first catalogue of the fraternity was issued in 1855. The convention of 1848 ordered the Western Reserve chapter, which was then the presiding chapter, to prepare a catalogue. Prior to that time the chapters had exchanged MSS. lists. Nothing much was done about the matter until the convention of 1851, when the Jefferson chapter, which was then made presiding chapter, was ordered to proceed with the work. During the three years from 1851 to 1854 the Jefferson chapter collected some chapter lists and the sum of \$250 to defray the expense of printing. The convention of 1854 turned the entire matter over to the Miami chapter and the latter prepared and printed the catalogue late in 1855.

It was a slim pamphlet of sixty-three pages, with a light pink cover, on the front of which was displayed a lithographed picture of the badge, with a chased border, surrounded by the circular symbol of eternity, and resting on clouds. The title page was severely plain, and read, "Catalogue | of the | Beta Theta Pi | MDCCCLV," the whole surrounded by a light double-ruled black border. Facing the title page was the well-known frontispiece representing the so-called fraternity legend and displaying the front of a Greek temple, an altar and some other symbols. On the reverse of the title page was the imprint, "Wm. Overend & Co., Printers, Cincinnati." The text comprised the list of members, arranged by chapters. Under each chapter, the names appeared in the order of admission to the fraternity. There is nothing whatever to indicate to what colleges the several chapters belonged.

The chapter list was as follows: A, Miami, 94 members; B, Western Reserve, 46; B', Cincinnati, 13; F, Jefferson, 92; Δ, Asbury, 99; E, Centre, 52; E', Transylvania, 22; Z, Hampden-Sidney, 33; Z', Harvard, 5; H, North Carolina, 33; H', Indiana, 23; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan, 15; Θ', Princeton, 15; I, Hanover, 23; I', Williams, 10; K, Ohio, 31; Λ, Michigan, 36; M, Cumberland, 15; M', Wabash, 11; N, Washington (Pennsylvania), 5; Ξ, Knox, 11, and O, Virginia, 5. Total, 689.

The book concludes with an alphabetical index, headed, "Beta Theta Pi | Index," which gave the name, chapter and date of initiation of each member on a single line, thus:

Agnew, B. L.

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1854.

In examining the rolls, we find few notes to indicate anything concerning the career of the members. Among others are James Long, "Superintendent Public Schools"; Daniel McCleary, "United States Army"; John C. Zachos, "Prof. Antioch College"; James Matthews, "Prof. Centre College"; W. H. DeMotte, "Teacher in D. and D. Asylum"; Albert G. Porter, "Rep. Indiana Supreme Court"; Hon. Schuyler Colfax, "Member Congress"; Hon. H. Marshall, "Envoy to China"; James M. Safford, "State Geologist, Tennessee." The book abounds in errors inseparable from the transcription of names by hurried schoolboys. Hon. B. Gratz Brown, for instance, is effectually disguised as "B. C. Bovan," and John Coburn, of Indiana, is called

"Colburn." But, on the whole, the work was well done, and compared very favorably with the contemporaneous catalogues of Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon and Sigma Phi.

The convention of 1858 placed in the hands of the Ohio chapter the matter of preparing a new edition of the catalogue, and that chapter promptly

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Ulysses Mercur,	<i>v. A.</i>	Towanda, Pa.
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W. M. Houston,	<i>v. A.</i>	Monroe Co., Missouri.
Robert P. Nevin,	<i>v. A.</i>	Pittsburgh, Pa.
J. R. Lowrie,	<i>v. A.</i>	Hollidaysburg, Pa.
John M. Sullivan,	<i>v. A.</i>	Butler, Pa.
John P. Penney,	<i>v. A.</i>	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Charles Martin,	<i>A.</i>	Prince Edwards, Va.
Prof. H. S. College.		
James Matthews,	<i>r & v. A.</i>	Danville, Kentucky.
Prof. Center College.		
J. M. Moore,	<i>v. A.</i>	Opelocas, Louisiana.
Wm. J. McCulloh,	<i>ys. E.</i>	Washington, D. C.
Wm. M. Scott,	<i>r & v. E.</i>	Danville, Kentucky.
Prof. Center College.		
Joseph R. Wilson,	<i>E.</i>	Prince Edwards, Va.
Prof. H. S. College.		
R. T. Merrick,	<i>v. E.</i>	Baltimore, Maryland.
James L. Rogers,	<i>r & v. E.</i>	Marietta, Georgia.
Prof. Military Institute.		
Joshua T. Owen,	<i>v. E.</i>	Philadelphia, Pa.

Facsimile of a page of the Catalogue of 1855.

took up the work, secured the additions to the lists from the chapters and issued the book in 1859.

The catalogue of 1859 followed closely the style and arrangement of that of 1855. It had the same cover of pink glazed paper and was provided with the same title and frontispiece. On the reverse of the title page was the imprint, "Spiller & Brother, Book and Job Printing, Cincinnati." The text closely copied that of the first edition and consisted of ninety-three pages. The following is the chapter list: A, Miami, 116 members; B,

Western Reserve, 67; B', Cincinnati, 13; F, Jefferson, 110; Δ, Asbury, 122; Δ', Ohio, 23; E, Centre, 88; E', Transylvania, 22; Z, Hampden-Sydney, 54; Z', Harvard, 7; H, North Carolina, 46; H', Indiana, 26; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan, 35; Θ', Princeton, 16; I, Hanover, 50; I', Williams, 10; K, Ohio, 31; Λ, Michigan, 77; M, Cumberland, 45; M', Wabash, 16; N, Washington (Pennsylvania), 11; Ξ, Knox, 24; O, Virginia, 45; Π, Indiana, 24; P, Washington (Virginia), 18; Σ, Illinois, 17; T, Wabash, 10; Y, South Carolina, 9;

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Charles Martin,	<i>d.</i>	Prince Edwards, Va.
Prof. H. S. College		
James Matthews,	<i>τ ε x. d.</i>	Danville, Kentucky.
Prof. Center College		
J. M. Moore,	<i>v. d.</i>	Opelocas, Louisiana.
Wm. J. McCulloh,	<i>γ ε. E.</i>	Washington, D. C.
Wm. M. Scott,	<i>τ ε x. E.</i>	Danville, Kentucky.
Prof. Center College		
Joseph R. Wilson,	<i>E.</i>	Prince Edwards, Va.
Prof. H. S. College		
R. T. Merrick,	<i>v. E.</i>	Baltimore, Maryland.
James L. Rogers,	<i>τ ε x. E.</i>	Marietta, Georgia.
Prof. Military Institute		
Joshua T. Owen,	<i>v. E.</i>	Philadelphia, Pa.

Facsimile of a page of the Catalogue of 1859.

Φ, Davidson, 10. Total, 1142. It will be noticed that the Ohio, Indiana, and Wabash chapters are listed twice. After a period of inactivity they were, upon revival, given new names. The alphabetical index and the style and character of the notes were the same as in the first edition.

The convention of 1864 placed the matter of preparing a new catalogue in the hands of the Miami chapter, but that chapter was then unable to do the work. The convention of 1865 repeated the request, but as Miami, on

account of its small numbers was unable to comply, the Hanover chapter, which was then the presiding chapter, undertook the work and issued the catalogue of 1866.

The catalogue of 1866 was published at Cincinnati. It was a paper-covered pamphlet, of the same style as the preceding editions. On the front cover was the same design. The frontispiece was the same as previously used, but was lithographed, and not engraved. This was a very inferior piece of work, the name of the fraternity at the top being "B Θ I I," not "B Θ II." The title page reads, "Catalogue | of the | Beta Theta Pi | MDCCCLXVI; James B. Boyd, Steam Book and Job Printer, | No. 25 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio."

The book contained eighty-four pages and the following chapter list: A, Miami, 156; B, Western Reserve, 105; B', Cincinnati, 13; Γ, Jefferson, 130; Δ, Asbury, 155; Δ', Ohio, 23; E', Centre, 87; E'', Transylvania, 22; Z', Hampden-Sydney, 58; Z'', Harvard, 7; H', North Carolina, 46; H'', Indiana, 26; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan, 90; Θ', Princeton, 16; I, Hanover, 91; I', Williams, 10; K, Ohio (as re-established), 61; Λ', Michigan, 92; M, Cumberland, 77; M', Wabash, 16; N', Washington (Pennsylvania), 52; Ξ, Knox, 57; O, Virginia, 65; II, Indiana (as re-established), 62; P, Washington (Virginia), 34; Σ', Illinois, 27; T, Wabash (as re-established), 41; Y', South Carolina, 9; Φ', Davidson, 10; X', Beloit, 18; Ω, U. S. Naval Academy, 9; A A, Monmouth, 10. Total 1,675.

The book concludes with an alphabetical index, but contains nothing to indicate the location of the chapters. It abounds in errors, mostly in the proper names, and has a large number of omissions of addresses. It was evidently a mere transcript of the lists furnished by the chapter secretaries. There are some curious errors, Joseph G. Wilson, of Alpha, for instance, being transposed to the head of Beta's list, and the latter being left without a heading. In this edition the number of biographical foot-notes was slightly increased, and several Congressmen were noticed. Under Gamma's list, we note an odd combination of the sites of the Universities of North and South Carolina, A. D. Hepburn being named as residing at Columbia, North Carolina.

The convention of 1869 directed the Miami chapter to prepare the material for a new edition and the lists were collected and compiled by Roger Williams, Miami, '72, who presented the MSS. to the Chicago convention of 1870 and the Chicago alumni offered to publish it and did so.

The catalogue of 1870 was the same size and style as the previous editions. It was bound in paper and cloth. The title page was severely plain, displaying the title, "Catalogue | of the | Beta Theta Pi, | MDCCCLXX. | Printed at the Lakeside Press, | 108 and 110 Dearborn Street, Chicago." It contained the well-known frontispiece, and, following this, a list of the chapters, giving their Greek names, the colleges to which they were attached, and their location. The chapter roll was as follows:

A, Miami, 165; B', Cincinnati, 13; B'', Western Reserve, 96; Γ', Jefferson, 131; Δ, Asbury, 191; E, Centre, 94; E', Transylvania, 22; Z, Hampden-Sydney, 82; Z', Harvard, 6; H', North Carolina, 46; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan, 121; Θ', Princeton, 16; I, Hanover, 109; I', Williams, 8; K, Ohio University, 115; Λ', Michigan, 86; M, Cumberland, 114; N, Washington (Pennsylvania), 62; Ξ, Knox, 74; O, Virginia, 95; II, Indiana, 114; P, Washington (Virginia), 57; Σ', Illinois, 27; T, Wabash, 78; Y', South Carolina, 11; Φ', Davidson,

20; X', Beloit, 18; Ψ', Bethany, 9; Ω', U. S. Naval Academy, 9; A A, Monmouth, 25; B B, Iowa, 35; Γ Γ, Wittenberg, 31; Δ Δ, Westminster, 17; E E, Iowa Wesleyan, 31; Z Z, Chicago, 8; H H, Denison, 13; Θ Θ, Virginia Military Institute, 23; I I, Washington University, 14. Total, 2,194.

The following alumni chapters were also included: A, Chicago; Γ, Indianapolis; Δ, Louisville; and, in conclusion there was an alphabetical index giving the name and chapter of each member.

The catalogue of 1881 was the result of two years' hard labor on the part of the committee. It was a square 8vo volume of some 400 pages, bound in colored cloth, with a back title in Greek letters, "Βητα Θητα Πι," and a gilt side-title displaying the dragon supporting a shield. The inside title page reads: "Catalogue | of the | Beta Theta Pi | *cut of the Dragon and Shield* | In the Forty-Third Year | of the | Fraternity." The frontispiece was the same in design as that used for all the previous editions, but as the old plate had been spoiled, the design was re-engraved by Dreka. After the title page follows a page giving the names of the editors, Charles J. Seaman, Denison, '71; William R. Baird, Stevens, '78, and Edwin H. Terrell, De Pauw, '71. Then follows a page giving the list of the board of directors and officers of the fraternity, and then a list of forty-three chapters, with the pages in the book where the roll of their members could be found. Only the active chapters were thus indexed. The names of the members of the chapters then inactive were placed before or after the list of some active chapter; thus, the Cincinnati chapter follows Miami, the Transylvania chapter precedes Centre, the Williams chapter Brown, the Naval Academy chapter follows Brown, the North Carolina chapter follows Hampden-Sydney, the Washington and Lee, Davidson, South Carolina and V.M.I. chapters follow Virginia, the Washington University (Missouri) chapter follows Westminster, the William and Mary chapter follows Richmond, the Knox chapter follows Kansas, the Virginia State, Trinity University, Oglethorpe, Butler and Howard chapters follow Randolph-Macon, the Illinois and Chicago chapters follow Northwestern, and the Princeton chapter follows Rutgers.

The work of the committee was divided as follows: E. H. Terrell had charge of the rolls of the De Pauw, Illinois, Naval Academy and Trinity University chapters; William R. Baird had charge of all the chapters in the eastern and middle states, and all of the southern chapters (except North Carolina, Oglethorpe and Cumberland) and also of the roll of the Knox chapter. Charles J. Seaman had charge of the remainder of the chapters. The work accomplished was very great, when the fact is considered that few of the colleges had trustworthy alumni records, that the records and rolls furnished the committee were in MSS., many of them with addresses and names unchanged for thirty years, and those covering the most momentous period of the country's history, when, moreover, many of the colleges had suspended or ceased their operations. Happily, the Betas were men who made their mark, and could be more readily traced than would naturally be inferred, and the committee succeeded in finding the greater number of those searched for, and in securing their records.

The constant pressure from the fraternity to print the work, and the unavoidable delays incident to such a labor, made the book imperfect, but it marked a great advance, and cleared away many of the difficulties surrounding the subject. An endeavor was made to secure the full name of each member, which was only partly successful.

The names were arranged in the order of initiation, as near as could be ascertained, this being the natural order most in accord with the facts, and one sanctioned by long usage in the fraternity. The biographies attached to the names were usually quite full. Men who had belonged to two chapters were placed in the rolls of both.

The engraved illustrations which accompanied some of the chapter lists were in many cases far superior to anything of the kind that had been pre-

**WASHINGTON
AND
JEFFERSON COLLEGE.
GAMMA.**

JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

1806* **REV. HENRY SNYDER**; $\overline{\text{S}}$, p^+ , Q , T ; New York, N. Y.

Admitted at the "Alpha;" Founder of the Gamma, 1842; Professor of History, Jefferson College, 1841-50; of History, Centre College, 1850-52; of Mathematics, Centre College, 1852-54; of History, Hampden Sidney College, 1857-62; drowned in New York Harbor.

HON. ULYSSES MERCER, LL.D. $\overline{\text{S}}$, E , Q^{**} ; Tonawanda, Pa.

LL.D. Washington and Jefferson College, 1879; First honor, 1842; Trustee of the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute since 1870; President Judge of the 18th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, 1861-65; Member of the United States House of Representatives, 39th, 40th, 41st and 42d Congress; Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania since 1872; Member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

1861* **ISAAC S. McMICKEN**; Q , $^{\text{19}}\text{Q}^{**}$; Lycoming, Pa.

United States Consul to Acapulco, 1857-61.

ABRAM WASHINGTON HENDRICKS; $+$, $\overline{\text{S}}$, E , $^{\text{10}}\text{Q}^{**}$; Indianapolis, Ind.

Hanover College, 1839-40; English salutatory, 1843; elected orator of the 4th Triennial Convention, 1851; Paymaster, U. S. A., 1861-65.

1872* **WILLIAM M. HOUSTON**; A , S^{**} ; Whitesville, Mo.

ROBERT PEEBLES NEVIN; E , $^{\text{10}}\text{Q}^{**}$; Pittsburg, Pa.

Editor and proprietor of the "Pittsburg Times;" one of the proprietors of the "Pittsburg Leader;" Author of "Black Robes," "Tom the Tinker," and other stories; contributor to the "Atlantic Monthly," "Knickerbocker's Magazine," and "Lippincott's Magazine."

JONATHAN ROBERTS LOWRIE; A , $^{\text{10}}\text{Q}^{**}$; Warriorsmark, Pa.

LL.B., Western University of Pennsylvania, 1845; Valedictorian, 1842.

HON. JOHN MCPHERSON SULLIVAN; O $^{\text{10}}\text{Q}^{**}$; Allegheny City, Pa.

Valedictorian, 1843; Clerk of the Pennsylvania Senate, 1851-52; Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1853-56; United States Internal Revenue Collector, 23d District, Pennsylvania, since 1867.

Facsimile of page 39 of the Catalogue of 1881.

viously attempted by any fraternity, but these fine steel engravings were spoiled by the introduction of lithographs and wood-cuts. Some of the designs were very striking. The dragon used by the Centre chapter has become a general fraternity device; the student in the window seat, used by Kenyon, though technically incorrect as to drawing, will appeal at once to all Kenyon men as reproducing a thoroughly characteristic feature of life at Gambier; the Wisconsin design, adapted from the Voyage of Hope; the Brown, Maine, St. Lawrence and Rutgers designs, thoroughly heraldic; the

Boston design, utilizing the Diogenes legend, and various other illustrations, displaying features which were familiar to Betas, will long be remembered.

The names were accompanied by symbols which conveyed much useful information, but the average member would not learn them, and they were generally objected to as confusing and unmeaning, though they catered to the boyish love of the mysterious, and economized space.

After the rolls of the chapters which were approximately arranged in the order of their establishment, there was a geographical distribution of members, followed by an index of names and some supplementary lists and corrections.

The book, with all its faults, was a great success, and of benefit to the fraternity, for it served to bring out as nothing else could the character of the membership.

The roll of the catalogue of 1881 was as follows: A, Miami, 158; B, Cincinnati, 13; B, Ohio University, 133; B K, Western Reserve, 100; F, Washington and Jefferson, 201; H, Harvard, 42; Δ, Asbury, 273; Π, Indiana, 171; Λ, Michigan, 142; T, Wabash, 107; E', Transylvania, 22; E, Centre, 156; K, Brown, 73; I', Williams, 6; Ω', U. S. Naval Academy, 6; Z, Hampden-Sydney, 45; H', North Carolina, 47; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan, 202; I, Hanover, 145; M, Cumberland, 122; O, University of Virginia, 187; P, Washington and Lee, 85; Φ', Davidson, 24; Y', South Carolina, 18; AΘ', V.M.I., 70; X, Beloit, 62; Ψ, Bethany, 68; A B, Iowa, 51; A Γ, Wittenberg, 75; A Δ, Westminster, 61; A I, Washington University, 29; A E, Iowa Wesleyan, 88; A H, Denison, 46; A K, Richmond, 56; A T, William and Mary, 5; A Λ, Wooster, 72; A N, Kansas, 59; Ξ', Knox, 73; A Ξ, Randolph-Macon, 40; A Φ', Virginia State, 29; A O', Trinity, 50; X'', Oglethorpe, 12; A Ψ, Butler, 20; A M', Howard, 43; A Π, Wisconsin, 60; P, Northwestern, 48; Σ', Illinois, 26; A A', Monmouth, 49; A Z', Chicago, 3; A Σ, Dickinson, 58; Y, Boston, 38; A X, Johns Hopkins, 23; Ω, California, 21; B A, Kenyon, 21; B B, Mississippi, 37; B Γ, Rutgers, 45; Θ', Princeton, 23; Σ, Stevens, 41; B Δ, Cornell, 43; B Z, St. Lawrence, 43; B H, Maine State, 44; B Θ, Madison University, 37; Φ, Pennsylvania, 22; N, Union, 13; A A, Columbia, 9; total, 4,170. This enumeration, however, does not exclude transfers, and there are certainly a large number of names counted twice in it.

The catalogue of 1899 was the work of J. Cal Hanna, Wooster, '81, who was some eleven years in preparing it. It was bound in dark red cloth with a side stamp in gold of the fraternity coat of arms and it had a plain back title in gold. It was an octavo volume of 1294 pages. The frontispiece was the familiar one used in all prior catalogues. The inside title page is "Catalogue | of | Beta Theta Pi | *cut of the badge* | In the Sixteenth Year | of the Fraternity, | 1899." On the reverse of the title page is a small imprint "Printed and bound by Junius E. Beal, U. of Mich., '82, Ann Arbor."

It was divided into an introduction, index to chapters, a list of abbreviations and symbols, the chapter roll, supplementary lists, alphabetical and geographical indices and lists of addenda and errata and later initiates. The principal portion of the book comprised the chapter rolls. These were arranged in the chronological order of the establishment of the several chapters and each roll was preceded by a statement of the resources and endowment of the institution in which it was located, the number of its professors and students, the size of its library, the fraternities which had established chapters, together with a brief statement concerning the date of the establishment of the chapter and the like.

The chapter rolls were continuous lists of the members' names arranged as far as possible in the order of their initiation and without any separation into groups by classes. In regard to each member an attempt was made to give all his degrees, the place of his residence, or, if deceased, the place of his last residence, the date of decease if dead, and the more prominent facts in his career.

An innovation in this catalogue was the prefixing of a roll number to each member's name. Persons holding membership in more than one chap-

Washington and Jefferson College.

WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

JEFFERSON COLLEGE, AT CANONSHIRE, PENNSYLVANIA, WAS CHARTERED IN 1802.

FIRST CLASS GRADUATED IN 1802.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE WAS CHARTERED IN 1806.

FIRST CLASS GRADUATED IN 1808.

THE TWO COLLEGES WERE UNITED IN 1865.

INDEPENDENT OF CHURCH CONTROL. PRESBYTERIAN IN AFFILIATION.

Departments:—COLLEGE AND PREPARATORY.

Value of buildings and grounds,	\$ 250,000.00
Value of equipment and apparatus,	15,000.00
Value of productive funds,	250,000.00
Income from all sources for 1893-4.	25,000.00
Tuition in college department,	24.00

Number of volumes in library,	12,000
Number of professors and instructors in college department,	12
Number of professors and instructors in all departments,	13
Number of students in college department,	185
Number of students in all departments,	245

Women are not admitted.

FRATERNITIES.

Beta Theta Pi, 1842.	Delta Kappa Epsilon (inact.), 1858-65.
Phi Gamma Delta, 1848.	Delta Upsilon (inact.), 1858-70.
Phi Kappa Psi, 1852.	Delta Tau Delta, 1861.
Phi Kappa Sigma, 1854.	Theta Delta Chi (inact.), 1869-72.
Sigma Chi (Jeff.), (inactive), 1858-70.	Phi Delta Theta, 1875
Sigma Chi (Wash.), (inact.), 1859-63.	Alpha Tau Omega (inact.), 1882-82.

THE WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON CHAPTER, THE GAMMA OF BETA THETA PI.

The Gamma at Jefferson was founded June 1, 1842. The Nu at Washington was founded in January, 1855. When the colleges were united the two chapters were united as Nu. Changed in 1873 to Gamma-Nu, and in 1876 to Gamma. Gamma was the presiding chapter, 1851-54.

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ter were given roll numbers in each chapter, but the data concerning them was only given in one place, appropriate cross-references being given on the other chapter rolls. No symbols of any kind were used in this book, all of the information being given in plain English.

The catalogue contained 11,077 names, 735 of which appeared more than once. They were distributed among the chapter rolls as follows: Miami,

224; Cincinnati 83; Western Reserve 188; Ohio 204; Transylvania 21; Washington and Jefferson 282; Harvard 76; Princeton 26; De Pauw 394; Indiana 287; Michigan 262; Wabash 206; Williams 11; Centre 259; Brown 197; Hampden-Sydney 192; North Carolina 128; Ohio Wesleyan 306; Hanover 209; Cumberland 261; Knox 144; Virginia 281; Washington and Lee 79; Illinois College 26; South Carolina 20; Davidson 112; Oglethorpe 15; Bethany 176; Beloit 162; Naval Academy 6; Monmouth 50; Iowa 171; Wittenberg 176; Westminster 127; Iowa Wesleyan 182; Chicago 52; Deni-

Washington and Jefferson College.

GAMMA.

JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

- (Alpha, 24.) 1. RODNEY MASON. A.B., 1844. Law-
yer. Detroit, Mich.
Lieut. col., 2d O. V. I., 1861; ass't adj't gen'l of Ohio, 1862-3; col.
71st O. V. I., 1864.
2. *ULYSSES MERCUR. A.B., 1842; LL.D., 1879. Towanda, Pa.
Lawyer.
President judge, 13th judicial district, 1861-5. Member of congress,
1865-72. Associate justice, Pa. supreme court, 1872-83; chief justice,
1883-87. *Died May 6, 1887.*
3. *ISAAC SMITH McMICKEN. A.B., 1842. Law-
yer. Pottsville, Pa.
Private to major 1st Pa. volunteers, 1846-9. General postmaster, City
of Mexico, 1847-8. Consul to Acapulco, Mexico, 1857-8.
Died in Acapulco, 1858.
4. *ABRAM WASHINGTON HENDRICKS. A.B., 1843;
LL.B. (Transylvania), 1845. Lawyer. (Indianapolis, Ind.)
Member Indiana legislature, 1852-55. Major and paymaster, U. S.
army, 1861-5. Also Pi Epsilon. *Died Nov. 25, 1887.*
5. WILLIAM MAY HOUSTON. A.B., 1843; M.D.,
1845. Retired. Mexico, Mo.
6. ROBERT PEEBLES NEVIN. A.B., 1842; A.M.,
1844. Journalist. Pittsburgh, Pa.
Residence, Sewickly, Pa.
Proprietor "Pittsburgh Times." Author "Black-Robes," "Les Trois
Rois," "Tom the Tinker." Contributor to various magazines.
7. *JONATHAN ROBERTS LOWRIE. A.B., 1842;
LL.B. (Western U. of Pa.), 1845. Law-
yer. (Warrior's Mark, Pa.)
Died Dec. 10, 1885.

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son 130; V.M.I. 66; Washington (Missouri) 34; Richmond 115; Wooster 165; Howard 43; Kansas 196; Randolph-Macon 76; Trinity 50; Wisconsin 180; Northwestern 151; Dickinson 140; William and Mary 11; Boston 170; Virginia State 30; Johns Hopkins 126; Butler 19; California 130; Kenyon 68; Mississippi 191; Rutgers 118; Cornell 182; Stevens 130; St. Lawrence 157; Miami 171; Pennsylvania 114; Colgate 166; Union 88; Columbia 70; Amherst 181; Vanderbilt 104; Texas 84; Ohio State 85; Denver 50; Nebraska 71; Pennsylvania State 69; Syracuse 195; Dartmouth 464; Minnesota 83; Wesleyan 178; Missouri 271; Lehigh 35; Yale 57; Leland Stanford 34. Also the following inactive chapters of the Mystical Seven: Emory 55; Georgia 38.

The geographical distribution showed 124 towns or cities having more than ten resident members, New York being the largest with 347.

The earliest rolls were printed nearly five years before the completed books were made. Although the work on this catalogue was almost all performed by J. Cal Hanna, the Mystical Seven rolls were prepared by William R. Baird, the Wisconsin roll by Winfield R. Smith, and some other rolls by members of the chapters concerned, for instance, Northwestern, William A. Hamilton; Miami, Walter L. Tobey; Boston, Edwin R. Hardy; St. Law-

Gamma Chapter, 1842.

WASHINGTON-JEFFERSON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, PA.

[The Gamma was founded at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa. The Nu at Washington College, Washington, Pa., in 1855. The colleges were united in 1865. The chapter was called "Gamma Nu" from 1873 to 1876.]

JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

RODNEY MASON.* A.B., 1844; initiated at Miami. Lawyer. Ass't adj't gen'l of Ohio, 1862-3; col., 71st O. V. I., 1864. Died 1893. Detroit, Mich.

ULYSSES MERCUR.* A.B., 1842; LL.D., 1879. Lawyer. President judge, 13th judicial district, 1861-5. Member of congress, 1865-72. Assoc. justice, Pa. supreme court, 1872-83; chief justice, 1883-7. Died 1887. Towanda, Pa.

ISAAC SMITH McMICKEN.* A.B., 1842. Lawyer. Major, 1st Pa. volunteers, 1846-9. General postmaster, City of Mexico, 1847-8. Consul to Acapulco, Mexico, 1857-8. Died 1858. Pottsville, Pa.

ABRAM WASHINGTON HENDRICKS.* A.B., 1843; transferred to Transylvania; LL.B., Transylvania, 1845. Lawyer. Member, Indiana legis., 1852-5. Major and paymaster, U. S. Army, 1861-5. Died 1887. Indianapolis, Ind.

WILLIAM MAY HOUSTON. A.B., 1843; M.D., 1845. Santa Fé, Mo.

ROBERT PEEBLES NEVIN. A.B., 1842. Journalist. Proprietor of "The Pittsburg Times." Author of "Black-Robes," "Les Trois Rois," "Tom, the Tinker." Edgworth, Pa.

JONATHAN ROBERTS LOWRIE.* A.B., 1842; LL.B., Western U. of Pa., 1845. Lawyer. Died 1885. Warrior's Mark, Pa.

JOHN MCPHERRIN SULLIVAN.* A.B., 1843. Lawyer. Clerk, Pa. senate, 1847-53; deputy sec'y of the commonwealth, 1855-8. U. S. collector of internal revenue, 1867-82. Died 1896. Butler, Pa.

JOHN PRENTIS PENNY.* A.B., 1843. Lawyer. Prof., Georgia Mil. Inst., 1847-51. Member, Pa. senate, 1858-65; speaker, 1864. Died 1873. Pittsburg, Pa.

CHARLES MARTIN.* A.B., 1842; LL.D., 1876; transferred to Hampden-Sidney. Prof. of Latin, Hamp-Sid., 1847-59; of Greek, 1859-71. Clerk, U. S. court, district of Western Va., 1884-8. Capt., C. S. A., 1864-5. Died 1888. Danville, Va.

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Facsimile of a page of the 1905 Catalogue.

rence, Williston Manley. Ralph K. Jones of the Maine chapter did many months' work on the book. Probably, however, the catalogue would never have been published had not Junius E. Beal, Michigan, '82, undertaken to print it.

The difficulties attending the preparation of this catalogue demonstrated the need of some well devised plan for the publication of the next edition and the stern necessity of restricting the data concerning each member to the lowest possible amount.

The catalogue of 1905 showed an entire departure from previous methods.

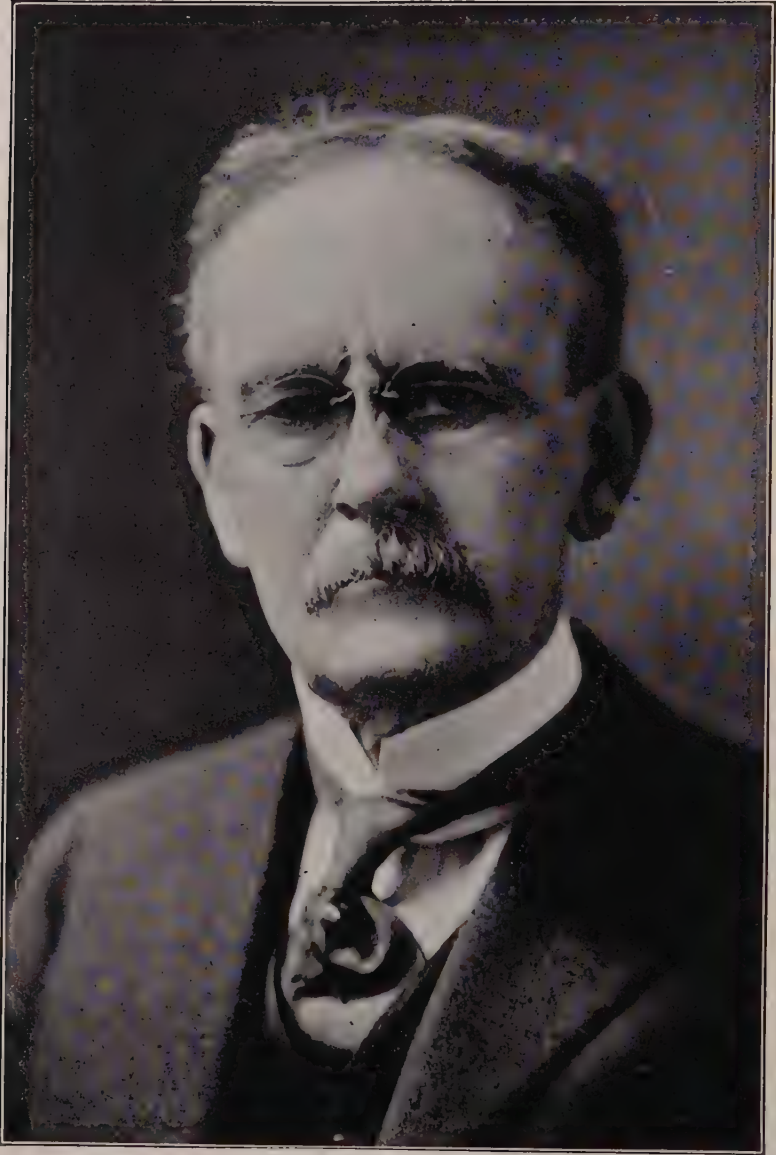
It was the joint work of Wm. Raimond Baird and James T. Brown and was prepared well within the limits of a year. It was a book of 985 pages and was issued in two editions, one a library edition on heavy paper with wide margins, and the other a "satchel" edition on thin paper and trimmed to a smaller size. It was bound in red buckram and had a side title in gold "Beta | Theta | Pi" in a square panel, "Catalogue of 1905," in a second panel, and, beneath, the fraternity coat of arms in a beaded oval. On the back was a plain title "Beta Theta Pi Catalogue 1905." The inner title page read "Catalogue | of | Beta Theta Pi | *cut of the badge* | (seventh edition) | In the Sixty-Seventh Year | of the | Fraternity | New York, N.Y., 1905." The reverse of the title leaf gave the editors' names, the dates of previous editions and the imprint of the printers, The Mail Printing Company of Galesburg, Illinois.

The book was divided into three parts, the chapter rolls which were arrayed in alphabetical and not in chronological order, the geographical index, and the alphabetical index. The roll numbers were omitted and the data concerning each member was condensed and made as compact as possible. In the geographical and alphabetical indexes running head lines were employed and concerning each name there was given the chapter, class, and page of the book where his name appeared. A sketch of the fraternity preceded the chapter rolls. The preface contained a statement of the principles governing the compilation and the acknowledgement of indebtedness to the several persons who assisted in the work.

The enumeration in the catalogue comprises 14,341 names of which 318 occur more than once, making a net total of 14,023 which included all initiated to the close of the college year 1904-05. The enumeration by chapters was as follows:

Amherst 248; Beloit 195; Bethany 210; Boston 236; Bowdoin 55; Brown 258; Butler 20; California 173; Case 82; Centenary 32; Central 321; Chicago 108; Cincinnati 143; Colgate 228; Colorado 58; Columbia 130; Cornell 251; Cumberland 271; Dartmouth 531; Davidson 156; Denison 182; Denver 84; De Pauw 440; Dickinson 177; Emory 55; Georgia 38; Hampden-Sydney 217; Hanover 225; Harvard 136; Howard 43; Illinois College 27; Illinois 58; Indiana 351; Iowa 221; Iowa Wesleyan 217; Johns Hopkins 163; Kansas 248; Kenyon 172; Knox 190; Lehigh 78; Maine 226; Miami 264; Michigan 347; Minnesota 144; Mississippi 189; Missouri 322; Monmouth 51; Nebraska 133; North Carolina 162; Northwestern 209; Oglethorpe 15; Ohio 225; Ohio State 148; Ohio Wesleyan 362; Pennsylvania 174; Pennsylvania State 116; Princeton 27; Purdue 34; Randolph-Macon 75; Richmond 119; Rutgers 157; St. Lawrence 193; South Carolina 20; Stanford 75; Stevens 167; Syracuse 258; Texas 124; Transylvania 21; Trinity 50; Union 126; U. S. Naval Academy 9; Vanderbilt 131; Virginia 354; Virginia Military Institute 69; Virginia State 30; Wabash 236; Washington and Jefferson 330; Washington and Lee 81; Washington 80; Washington State 48; Wesleyan 234; Western Reserve 224; Westminster 157; West Virginia 51; William and Mary 14; Williams 11; Wisconsin 243; Wittenberg 208; Wooster 202; Yale 128.

The Catalogue of 1911 showed a departure from the previous ones. It was the work of James T. Brown, and was the first time the editor had been continued on a second volume. Work was started early in January and the Catalogue was ready for delivery late in the year. Two editions were published, one a library edition on heavy paper, the other a "satchel



JAMES T. BROWN, *Cornell*, '76
Long Keeper of the Rolls, Catalogue Editor, and
Business Manager of the Magazine

edition" on bible paper with small margins and bound in a flexible cover. Like the 1905 edition, this one was bound in red buckram with gold litho on the side "Beta Theta Pi | Catalogue | 1911" and beneath, the fraternity coat-of-arms in a beaded oval. On the back was the title, "Beta Theta Pi Catalogue 1911." The inner title page read "Catalogue | of | Beta Theta Pi | *cut of badge* | (eighth edition) | in the seventy-third year | of the | Fraternity | 1911." On the reverse of the title leaf was the Editor's and Publisher's name and address, the dates of the previous editions and the imprint of the printers, Wagoner Printing Company of Galesburg, Illinois.

The editor attempted to live up to instructions, which were to "cut everything to a minimum." A much smaller type was used and the chapter rolls printed two columns to a page, and, as many names appeared on a page, the columns were numbered. The indexes were printed three columns to the page. It was a book of 583 pages, whereas the 1905 edition had 985 pages, and the new book had 4,000 more names.

A sketch of the fraternity preceded the Chapter Rolls, this being a reprint of that which appeared in the 1905 edition with changes to bring it up to date. In the preface, the editor thanked William A. Hamilton, Francis W. Shepardson and James L. Gavin, general officers; also William Raimond Baird, Francis H. Sisson, Willis O. Robb and a "host of others" for their assistance.

In the indexes the abbreviations used were generally four letters—some of these abbreviations were afterwards criticised quite a little—before using these abbreviations they had been submitted to several men with the keenest minds of the editor's acquaintance and had met with their approval.

The rolls of seventy-three active and twenty inactive chapters appear and there were 18,286 names. In these lists there were 622 names printed more than once and the membership of the fraternity on June 30, 1911, was 17,664. The enumeration by chapters was as follows:

Amherst, 312; Beloit, 257; Bethany, 252; Boston, 289; Bowdoin, 111; Brown, 312; Butler, 20; California, 221; Case, 123; Centenary, 39; Centre, 365; Chicago, 158; Cincinnati, 186; Colgate, 295; Colorado, 122; Colorado Mines, 82; Columbia, 189; Cornell, 321; Cumberland, 270; Dartmouth, 618; Davidson, 196; Denison, 234; Denver, 141; De Pauw, 492; Dickinson, 227; Emory, 58; Georgia, 38; Hampden-Sydney, 238; Hanover, 249; Harvard, 133; Howard, 43; Illinois, 135; Illinois College, 27; Indiana, 401; Iowa, 274; Iowa State, 95; Iowa Wesleyan, 255; Johns Hopkins, 193; Kansas, 313; Kenyon, 152; Knox, 229; Lehigh, 105; Maine, 283; Miami, 303; Michigan, 425; Minnesota, 201; Mississippi, 191; Missouri, 388; Monmouth, 51; Nebraska, 188; North Carolina, 198; Northwestern, 272; Oglethorpe, 15; Ohio, 286; Ohio State, 219; Ohio Wesleyan, 409; Oklahoma, 53; Oregon, 50; Pennsylvania, 220; Pennsylvania State, 172; Princeton, 27; Purdue, 83; Randolph-Macon, 75; Richmond, 118; Rutgers, 188; St. Lawrence, 229; South Carolina, 20; Stanford, 122; Stevens, 192; Syracuse, 320; Texas, 168; Toronto, 62; Transylvania, 21; Trinity, 50; Tulane, 33; Union, 156; U. S. Naval Academy, 9; Vanderbilt, 178; Virginia, 404; Virginia Military Institute, 69; Virginia Polytechnic, 27; Wabash, 292; Washington and Jefferson, 371; Washington and Lee, 81; Washington, 130; Washington State, 109; Wesleyan, 301; Western Reserve, 270; Westminster, 190; West Virginia, 97; William and Mary, 14; Williams, 11; Wisconsin, 320; Wittenberg, 252; Wooster, 240; Yale, 363.

The Catalogue of 1917 was the third piece of work of the kind by James T. Brown. There was no departure from the plan of printing of that of the 1911 edition. By this time the members of the fraternity had expressed their opinions frequently that they wished but one edition and that should be the satchel edition on bible paper—this plan was followed with the result that, with the many new pages added, the book when finished weighed just one pound.

The only changes from the 1911 Catalogue on the side and back cover and the inner title page were that the figures 1917 appeared instead of 1911.

Gamma Chapter, 1842.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, PA.

[The Gamma was founded at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., at Washington College, Washington, Pa., in 1845. The colleges were united in 1885. The chapter was called "Gamma No." from 1873 to 1876.]

JEFFERSON COLLEGE

- RODNEY MASON.* A. B., 1844; also Miami. Lawyer. Asst. adjt. gen'l of Ohio, 1862-3; col. 1st U. S. V., 1864. Died 1892. Detroit, Mich.
- ULYSES MARCUE.* A. B., 1842; LL. D., 1879. Lawyer. President judge, 18th judicial district, 1861-5. Member of congress, 1865-72. Assoc. justice, Pa. supreme court, 1872-82; chief justice, 1882-7. Died 1887. Towanda, Pa.
- ISAAC SMITH MCKICKEN.* A. B., 1842. Lawyer. Major, 1st Pa. volunteers, 1846-9. General postmaster, City of Mexico, 1847-8. Consul to Acapulco, Mexico, 1857-8. Died 1858. Pottsville, Pa.
- ABRAHAM WASHINGTON HANDRICKS.* A. B., 1842; LL. B., Transylvania, 1845. Lawyer. Member Indiana legis., 1853-5. Major and paymaster, U. S. Army, 1861-8. Died 1887. Indianapolis, Ind.
- WILLIAM MAY HOUSTON.* A. B., 1843; M. D., 1845. Died —. Santa Fe, Mo.
- ROBERT PIERCE NEVIN,* A. B., 1842. Journalist. Proprietor of "The Pittsburg Times." Author of "Black Robert," "Les Trois Rois," "Tom, the Tinker." Died 1908. Sewickley, Pa.
- JONATHAN ROBERTS LOWRIE.* A. B., 1842; LL. B., Western U. of Pa., 1845. Lawyer. Died 1885. Warrior's Mark, Pa.
- JOHN MCPHERSON SULLIVAN.* A. B., 1843. Lawyer. Clerk, Pa. senate, 1847-51. Member Pa. senate, 1858-65; speaker, 1864. Died 1872. Pittsburgh, Pa.
- CHARLES MARTIN.* A. B., 1842; LL. D., 1876; also Hampden-Sidney. Prof. of Latin, Hampden-Sid., 1847-59; of Greek, 1859-71. Clerk, U. S. court, district of Western Va., 1874-6. Capt., C. S. A., 1864-6. Died 1889. Danville, Va.
- JAMES MATTHEWS.* A. B., 1842; D. D., Centre, 1867. Fresh. clergyman. President University Coll., 1876-91. Prof. of Latin, Centre Coll., 1854-67. Author, "Predilection and Foreknowledge of God," Chaplain, 19th Ky. Vol., U. S. A. Died 1892. San Francisco, Cal.
- JOSEPH MURTAGH MOORE.* 1846. Lawyer. Member La. legis., 1861-4. Member constitutional convention, 1870. Judge of court of appeals, 1880-8. Died 1890. Opelousas, La.
- WILLIAM JAMES McCULLOUGH.* A. B., 1843. Civil Engineer. Surveyor general of La., 1850-61. Supt. of city water works, and chief engineer of the N. O. & O. R. R., 1855-77. Col. and aide to Gen. E. Taylor, U. S. A., 1861-5. Died 1877. New Orleans, La.
- WILLIAM McKENZIE SCOTT.* A. B., 1841; Grad. Princeton T. S., 1846; D. D., Centre, 1856. Also Princeton. Fresh. clergyman. Prof. of Ancient Languages, Centre Coll., 1847-54. Prof. of Bib. Lit. and Exeg., Northwestern Theo. Sem., 1856-61. Died 1861. Chicago, Ill.
- JOSEPH REGULUS WILSON.* A. B., 1844; D. D., Oglethorpe, 1857. Fresh. clergyman. Prof. in the Divinity Dept. of S. W. Fresh. Univ., 1848-60. Prof. in the Fresh. Theo. Sem., Columbia, S. C., 1870-4. Stated clerk, general assembly, Southern Fresh. Church, 1861—. Moderator of same, 1870-80. Died 1909. Princeton, N. J.
- RICHARD THOMAS MERRICK.* A. B., 1843; LL. D., Georgetown. Lawyer. Member Maryland legis., 1860-3. Counsel, B. & O. E. R. Author "Digest Decisions, Court of Appeals of Maryland." Author of arguments in noted cases before the U. S. supreme court. Counsel for the U. S. in Star Route cases. Capt., U. S. A., Mexican War. Died 1869. Washington, D. C.
- JAMES LEA ROGERS.* A. B., 1846; D. D., Davidson, 1868. Fresh. clergyman. Pres. Nat. Sci., Georgia Mil. Inst., 1863-5. Chaplain, Soldiers' Home, C. S. A., 1861-5. Died 1891. Atlanta, Ga.
- JOSHUA THOMAS OWEN.* A. E., 1845. Lawyer. Member Pa. legis., 1857. Editor and associate proprietor, "N. Y. Daily Legal Register." Brig. Gen. Army of the Potomac, U. S. A., 1861-5. Died 1887. Chestnut Hill, Pa.
- MILTON SLOCUM LATHAM.* A. B., 1845. Banker. Member of congress, 1853-4. Collector of Port of San Francisco, 1855-7. Governor of Cal., 1860. U. S. senator, 1860-5. President of London and San Francisco Bank, 1866-78. Died 1882. New York, N. Y.
- JAMES PATTERSON STREIBERT.* A. B., 1845; LL. D., Lafayette, 1888. Lawyer. Justice, supreme court of Pa., 1877-81. Common pleas judge, 1860-77. Died 1901. Philadelphia, Pa.
- JAMES BROOKS PARR ROBINSON.* A. B., 1846. Lawyer. Died 1892. Greensburg, Pa.
- GEORGE D. ARCHIBALD.* A. B., 1847. Allegany T. S.; D. D., Hanover, 1866. Fresh. clergyman. President, Hanover Coll., 1868-70. Prof. of Theol., Danville Theol. Sem., 1870-83. Died 1892. Covington, Ky.
- GEORGE MARQUET.* A. B., 1846. Lawyer. County judge, 1857—. Member Florida legis., 1880-3. Died —. Milton, Fla.
- JONATHAN LETTERMAN.* A. B., 1843; M. D., Jefferson, 1849. Physician. Author "Medical Recollections of the Army of the Potomac." Surgeon, U. S. A., 1840-64. Medical director, Army of the Potomac, 1862-64. Died 1872. San Francisco, Cal.

Facsimile of a page, Catalogue of 1917

This edition was printed by the same printers, The Wagoner Printing Company of Galesburg, Illinois.

Work was started at the beginning of the year and, with the assistance sometimes of three, was energetically pushed. In the preface the editor expressed his thanks to Kenneth Rogers, Syracuse, '17, "for helpful suggestions, much sympathy and excellent proofreading."

When the chapter rolls were about ready for the press, the United States entered the World War and the question was discussed whether the book should be finished then or later. It was decided not to wait and do almost all the work a second time.

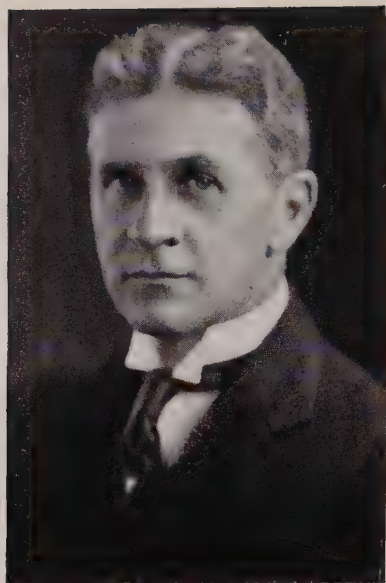
As to the work and appearance of the Catalogue, we know of no better judge than Mr. George Banta, Phi Delta Theta. He has in his printing plant a long shelf filled with catalogues of different fraternities and he said "he considered the Beta Theta Pi Catalogue of 1917 the best one."

Including the Sketch of the Fraternity, the introduction occupied eight pages. The Chapter Rolls filled 494 pages; Geographical Index, 136 pages, and Alphabetical Index, 100 pages, making a total of 738 pages.

There were seventy-nine active chapters and twenty-two inactive chapters printed in the Chapter Rolls. In these lists there were 23,284 names, and, as there were 801 names which were printed more than once, the net membership on June 30, 1917, was 22,483.

The enumeration by chapters was as follows:

Amherst, 374; Beloit, 326; Bethany, 299; Boston, 315; Bowdoin, 175; Brown, 368; Butler, 20; California, 289; Case, 171; Centenary, 39; Centre, 397; Chicago, 228; Cincinnati, 231; Colgate, 362; Colorado College, 85; Colorado Mines, 129; Colorado, 193; Columbia, 251; Cornell, 416; Cumberland, 271; Dartmouth, 696; Davidson, 238; Denison, 293; Denver, 213; De Pauw, 552; Dickinson, 279; Emory, 58; Georgia, 38; Georgia Tech, 43; Hampden-Sydney, 238; Hanover, 272; Harvard, 131; Howard, 43; Idaho, 96; Illinois, 216; Illinois College, 27; Indiana, 468; Iowa, 325; Iowa State, 142; Iowa Wesleyan, 281; Johns Hopkins, 234; Kansas, 379; Kansas State, 97; Kenyon, 198; Knox, 296; Lehigh, 144; Maine, 354; Massachusetts Tech, 119; Miami, 352; Michigan, 494; Minnesota, 267; Mississippi, 192; Missouri, 452; Monmouth, 51; Nebraska, 270; North Carolina, 224; Northwestern, 349; Oglethorpe, 15; Ohio, 355; Ohio State, 301; Ohio Wesleyan, 457; Oklahoma, 121; Oregon, 103; Pennsylvania, 289; Pennsylvania State, 219; Princeton, 28; Purdue, 142; Randolph-Macon, 75; Richmond, 118; Rutgers, 242; St. Lawrence, 273; South Carolina, 20; South Dakota, 98; Stanford, 183; Stevens, 229; Syracuse, 396; Texas, 209; Toronto, 115; Transylvania, 21; Trinity, 50; Tulane, 72; Union, 193; U. S. Naval Academy, 9; Utah, 145; Vanderbilt, 220; Virginia, 453; Virginia Military Institute, 70; Virginia Polytechnic, 27; Wabash, 353; Washington and Jefferson, 409; Washington and Lee, 81; Washington, 174; Washington State, 169; Wesleyan, 370; Western Reserve, 315; Westminster, 240; West Virginia, 157; Whitman, 70; William and Mary, 14; Williams, 64; Wisconsin, 427; Wittenberg, 293; Wooster, 250; Yale, 590.



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Vice-President



FRANK G. ENSIGN, *Beloit* '00
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DUNLAP C. CLARK, *Chicago* '17
Vice-President



GORDON S. SMYTH, *Pennsylvania* '18
Vice-President

FOUR FRATERNITY OFFICERS, 1930

CHAPTER XVII

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Fraternity Studies," afterward enlarged into a handbook of great value; a biographical dictionary of members attaining distinction; a volume containing Convention minutes for the first forty years of Beta life; a supplementary volume bringing the minutes down to the time when their publication in the magazine each year was provided for; and a collection of extraordinarily interesting letters happily preserved in some of the older chapters were all volumes prepared under the editorial direction of William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78. As a result of his painstaking labors the fraternity has an unequalled body of original materials for history writing. These volumes have been carefully distributed so that the possibility of entire extinction of the historical data is extremely unlikely. In two cases the printing was not completed when the editor died, but the proofs were so far advanced that all the work was saved for Beta Theta Pi.

The Handbook is a book of 578 pages of about 5 x 7 inches in size. Its title page reads: "The Hand-Book | of | Beta Theta Pi | by | William Raimond Baird, M.E., LL.B. | Author of | American College Fraternities, A Guide to the | Principles of the Law, The Study of | Languages, The Principles of | American Law, etc. | Second Edition | Authorized by the Convention | of 1906 | Published by the Author | No. 271 Broadway, New York | 1907." Its frontispiece is the familiar picture of John Reily Knox which hangs in most chapter houses. The Preface to the edition of 1894, called "Fraternity Studies," is repeated with a short introduction to the new volume. Then follow six chapters of running history; an account of the union with several fraternities, called "federated members of the association"; three chapters giving the history of the magazine, with an index of material appearing in each volume; two chapters on other publications, such as catalogues, histories, songbooks and the like; a chapter of reminiscences and estimates of the value of the fraternity, entitled "the testimony of experience"; a chapter on the insignia and its history; a chapter telling of the social life of the fraternity as illustrated by some notable banquets; a chapter descriptive of Beta chapter houses; studies of the membership, with some classifications of prominent members; a chapter of statistical matter, listing presiding chapters, officers, and giving other important historical data; the convention rolls from the first one to date; a chapter "the Greek World," telling briefly about other fraternities; and several indexes.

In 1914 "Betas of Achievement" appeared. Its title page reads: "Betas | of | Achievement | Being Brief Biographical Records of | Members of the Beta Theta Pi | Who Have Attained Distinction in | Various Fields of Endeavor | by | William Raimond Baird, M.E., LL.B. | Author of American College Fraternities, The | Handbook of Beta Theta Pi, Editor of | "The Beta Theta Pi" etc. | Authorized by the Convention | of 1913 | New York | The Beta Publishing Co. | 363 West 20th Street | 1914." It is a volume of 372 pages containing a preface; an historical introduction; lists of members arranged alphabetically, with brief biographies of each; and a concluding

THE HAND-BOOK

OF

Beta Theta Pi

BY

William Raimond Baird, M. E., LL. B.

AUTHOR OF

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Languages, The Principles of
American Law, Etc.*

 SECOND EDITION

AUTHORIZED BY THE CONVENTION
OF 1906

 PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHOR,

NO. 271 BROADWAY, NEW YORK,
1907

chapter, giving groupings of members according to generally recognized distinctions. The plan was to have a picture of each prominent Beta, but this was only partly successful owing to failure in co-operation. Still there are many pictures, the volume being printed on glazed stock to show these to good advantage. As a remarkable expression of the power of the fraternity the volume is incomparable. It was suggested by an examination of a current volume of "Who's Who in America" and observation of the number of Betas therein mentioned.

In 1916 a volume of Convention minutes containing 387 pages of 4 x 7 type space was published. Its title page reads: "Forty Years | of | Fraternity Legislation | Being the Minutes of the Several Conventions of the | Beta Theta Pi, a College Fraternity, from 1839 | to 1879. Reprinted, with Notes,

under the | Authority of the Convention of 1915 | by | William Raimond Baird, M.E., LL.B. | Author of 'American College Fraternities,' 'A Handbook of Beta Theta Pi,' | 'Betas of Achievement' | New York | The Beta Publishing Company | 363 West 20th Street | 1916." While this title page clearly explains the character of the volume, it contained a preface; an historical introduction; the first, second, third and fourth constitutions; minutes of twenty-two conventions, with notes, and a concluding statement. This volume brought the record down to the year 1878, when all plans had been perfected for the epoch-marking changes of 1879.

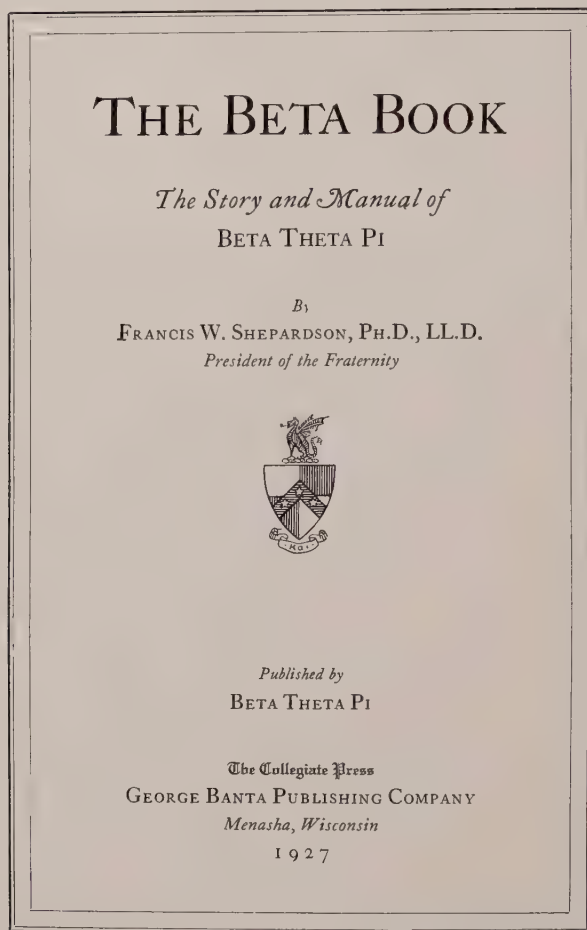
Taking this year as the natural division point in the history of the fraternity, Mr. Baird proposed a second volume of minutes. He gathered the text of the convention records but had not chosen a title for his volume or prepared any of the valuable notes which marked the "Forty Years," when death ended his work for Beta Theta Pi. The material was edited and published, by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, and George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, as a committee of the Board of Trustees, they selecting the title and providing the Introduction. The title page reads: "A Decade | of | Fraternity Reconstruction | Being the Minutes of the Several Conventions of the | Beta Theta Pi, a College Fraternity, from 1879 | to 1888, inclusive. Reprinted by Authority of the Convention | Edited by | William Raimond Baird, M.E., LL.B. | Author of 'American College Fraternities,' 'A Handbook of Beta Theta Pi,' | 'Betas of Achievement,' 'Forty Years of Fraternity Legislation' | Forwarded to Publication by | Francis W. Shepardson | George M. Chandler | A Committee of the Board of Trustees | New York | The Beta Publishing Company | 363 West 20th Street | 1918." It is a book of 408 pages of the same size as in the previous volume of minutes. It contains a special page of dedication "To William Raimond Baird, Fraternity Historian, Fraternity Biographer, Fraternity Editor, Counselor, Friend, Brother, this Volume is dedicated by Beta Theta Pi," the words of characterization being those which were engraved on a beautiful loving cup given Baird by the Oakland Convention of 1915.

The same year witnessed the publication of another unfinished volume by the same editor. Its title page reads: "Beta Letters | Being Correspondence Passing Between Chapters or Members | of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, 1839-1884 | Selected and Edited by | William Raimond Baird | Stevens, '78, Columbia, '82 | Author of 'American College Fraternities,' 'Handbook of Beta Theta Pi' | 'Betas of Achievement' | 'Forty Years of Fraternity Legislation' | Published by the Fraternity | The Beta Publishing Co., New York | 1918." The Preface was dated at South Orange, New Jersey, May 1, 1917, but a footnote stated,

"The date, written by Mr. Baird as the prospective time of publication, is kept. Mr. Baird died at six o'clock of the morning of March 15, 1917. By order of the Board of Trustees of Beta Theta Pi the editorial work has been completed by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, and George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98."

Besides this preface there is an introduction, an index, and a table of contents, showing the letters grouped under thirteen chapter heads, chronologically. Between chapters are short summary articles by the editor, whose interesting explanatory and informative notes abound throughout. No brief description can indicate the mine of information contained in the volume. It is original material of the most valuable sort. In many cases several letters are printed relating to the same event, so that there is possibility of checking

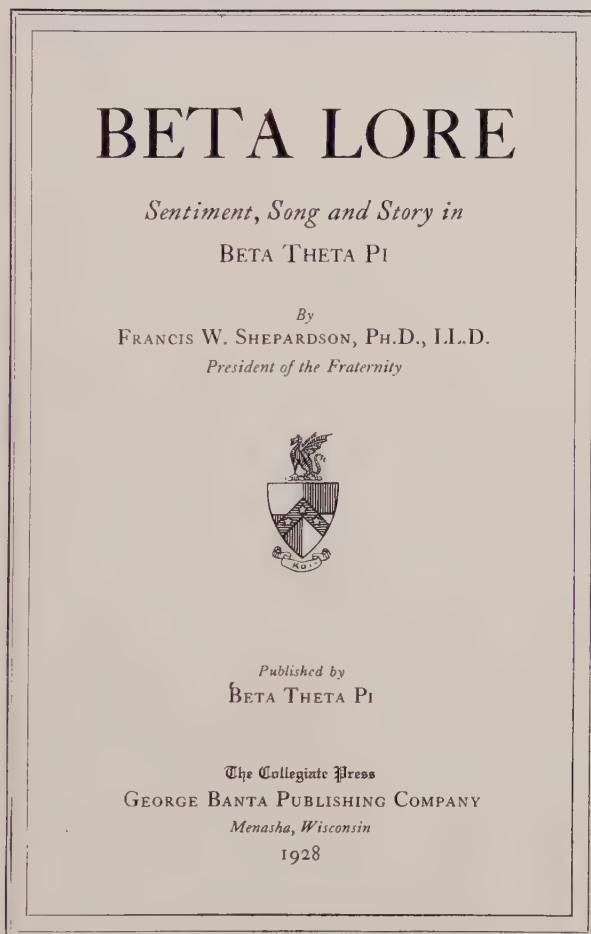
one against the other and of enriching the narrative of one writer by an illuminating sentence or paragraph from another. In its 648 pages the historian of chapter and of fraternity will find unexpected treasures. In size the pages correspond with those of the convention minutes. Like the four other books just described, this is bound in rich red cloth, with the arms of the



fraternity in medallion stamped on the side of the cover. "The Beta Publishing Company" was a convenient organization effected for distributing the several volumes for the fraternity, the address of the Company being the home of James T. Brown, Cornell, '76, who was the business agent.

In 1927, to meet insistent demands on the part of undergraduate members for information about the fraternity, no longer readily available because the edition of the Hand Book of 1907 was exhausted, the Board of Trustees requested Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82, to prepare a new manual. In September he produced: "The Beta Book | The Story and Manual of | Beta Theta Pi | By | Francis W. Shepardson, Ph.D., LL.D. | President of the

Fraternity | Published by | Beta Theta Pi | The Collegiate Press | George Banta Publishing Company | Menasha, Wisconsin | 1927." The side of the cover bore the sub-title, "The Story of Beta Theta Pi." The general lines of the Hand Book of 1907 were followed, the running story being brought down to date. Several of the chapters from the former book were reprinted

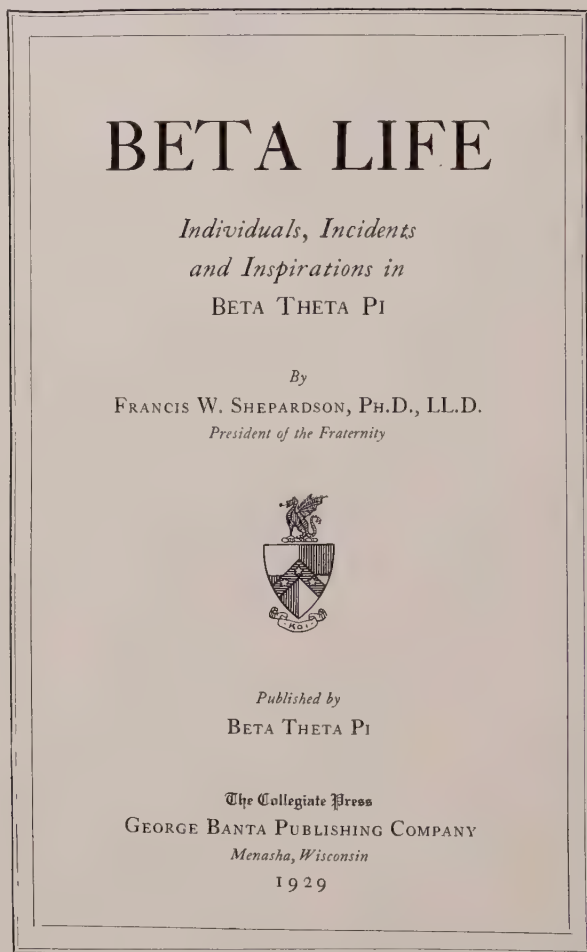


as Mr. Baird wrote them, except where necessary additions were made. A large amount of additional material was included, much of it never before made readily available for reference, the early history of the fraternity as previously printed being much amplified. As by fraternity law it had been decided to present to each initiate a copy of the book, this fact was kept in mind in the work of revision and editing, the code of the fraternity, comprising the constitution and the laws, and other important documents being included. The volume carried many illustrations of chapter houses and of fraternity workers. Its dedication read:

"To James Lathrop Gavin, to whose fidelity and efficiency as General Treasurer

for almost a quarter of a century the fraternity largely owes its strength, this book is dedicated with great affection by Beta Theta Pi."

The book of 476 pages was well received by the fraternity and seemed to be particularly appreciated by the new members for whom the inside cover



sheets which showed the Beta dragon and the Beta rose in pleasing design, provided an "Ex Libris," with place for name, chapter, college class and residence address.

In 1928 the fraternity published, in a richly illustrated volume of 565 pages, an unusual collection of material showing the power of sentiment as a factor in the developing history of Beta Theta Pi. The title page read: "Beta Lore | Sentiment, Song and Story in | Beta Theta Pi | by | Francis W. Shepardson, Ph.D., LL.D. | President of the Fraternity | Published by | Beta Theta Pi | The Collegiate Press | George Banta Publishing Company | Menasha, Wisconsin | 1928." Upon the side of the cover was the sub-title,

"Sentiment, Song and Story in Beta Theta Pi." With gracious appreciation of the influence of certain individuals upon his own fraternity life the authors' dedication was:

"To the treasured memory of Charles J. Seaman, Wyllys C. Ransom, and E. Bruce Chandler from whose overflowing reservoirs of sentiment and zeal for Beta Theta Pi

THE BAIRD FUND

of Beta Theta Pi

THE FIRST FINDING LIST

Compiled by

FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON
Editor of Beta Theta Pi

and

JAMES L. GAVIN
General Treasurer of the Fraternity



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an eager college lad drank copious draughts in golden days gone by: and to those living fountains of Beta loyalty, love and lore, Willis O. Robb, J. Cal Hanna, and George M. Chandler, this volume is dedicated in—*kai*—”

The volume was designed as a source book for the student of Beta history, many important papers from various places being brought together in compact form—from the fraternity magazine, from the unpublished archives, and, notably, from personal record books of the author, who for over forty years had made it a habit to write out for preservation the details of conversations on historic matters, interesting stories about Betas, and spe-

cially appealing anecdotes and incidents relating to Beta Theta Pi. Among the important sections were those giving all the available information regarding the "Boys of '39," the family of William Raimond Baird, the chapter at the United States Naval Academy as described by Karl W. Fischer, Indiana '25, and the origin and history of the catalogue frontispiece. The thirty-five pages devoted to kinship made only passing reference to an estimated three thousand pairs of brothers in Beta Theta Pi, but listed sets of three, four, five, six and seven brothers, the Doles of Stanford and the Gaisers of Whitman, sharing the honor of the "mystic seven." Another exceptional and on the whole remarkable feature of the volume was an eighty-page chapter showing an astonishing array of monuments and memorials perpetuating the names of Betas, these pages being profusely illustrated.

A second volume of the same general type was published by the fraternity in 1929. Its title page read: "Beta Life | Individuals, Incidents | and Inspirations in | Beta Theta Pi | By | Francis W. Shepardson, Ph.D., LL.D. | President of the Fraternity | Published by | Beta Theta Pi | The Collegiate Press | George Banta Publishing Company | Menasha, Wisconsin | 1929. The frontispiece was a youthful picture of John Reily Knox and the dedication read:

"To 'Pater Knox' and the Boys of '39, 'of ever honored memory,' this volume dealing with individuals, incidents and inspirations in Beta Theta Pi is affectionately dedicated in—kai—"

The sub-title, "Individuals, Incidents and Inspirations in Beta Theta Pi," which was stamped on the side of the cover, gave a good idea of the character of the book. It was, in fact, a second volume of Beta lore. It contained several remarkable historical reviews by Major Ransom, Reverend E. J. Brown, William Raimond Baird, Harold J. Baily and Major Chandler; a number of sketches of chapter history, long hidden in the archives of the fraternity; a series of inspirational addresses by Beta leaders; special stories, never before printed, gathered during a half-century of the author's Beta life; hitherto unpublished minutes of meetings of early chapters; items and incidents of varied type; and much about individuals who had helped to build up Beta Theta Pi. It also was profusely illustrated and so made a valuable companion volume to Beta Lore of the previous year.

The November issue of the fraternity magazine for 1928 was entirely devoted to the publication of a list of the members of the Baird Fund, names being arranged geographically by states and towns and alphabetically. As it made a catalogue of all members who had been initiated since September, 1919, together with those of prior initiation who had joined in the great enterprise, it was given a special title page and copies were bound up for chapter libraries, as the first volume in a series. The title page read: "The Baird Fund | of Beta Theta Pi | The First Finding List | Compiled by | Francis W. Shepardson | Editor of Beta Theta Pi | and | James L. Gavin | General Treasurer of the Fraternity | Published by | Beta Theta Pi | The Collegiate Press | George Banta Publishing Company | Menasha, Wisconsin | 1928." It made a volume of xviii + 148 pages and was bound in Beta red cloth, uniform with other publications of the fraternity.

CHAPTER HISTORIES

Some of the chapters which have been established in recent years, with wise forethought, have prefaced their official records of chapter meetings

with a carefully prepared statement about the steps toward the securing of a charter, the history of the local organization, something about the individuals interested, and similar information of permanent historic value. In some cases different individuals have written their recollections, the several accounts in this way being checked one against the other. In such cases the historian of the future will have available the best possible data for his work.

In many of the older chapters, on the contrary, nothing is available in the form of reliable record or personal testimony. Important books and papers were stolen by rivals or were burned or were lost during the Civil War, and, as a consequence, the writing of chapter history has seemed impossible. The late Raymond Duy Baird, Wesleyan '09, copied from the *Beta Theta Pi* all chapter letters and annual reports regarding the Wesleyan chapter which had been printed from the date of its establishment until the time of his special labor of love. The consequent volume proved a most important book of history. Learning of the Baird study, John W. Shepardson, Denison, '05, did the same work for the Denison chapter, the volume of "Alpha Eta Letters" making a typewritten book of substantial size and a source-book for history of exceptional value. In connection with the semi-centennial of the Northwestern chapter William A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, compiled a manuscript history of Rho chapter, which, as yet, has not been printed. There may be similar manuscript histories in other chapters. The only printed histories are those of the Denison, Ohio Wesleyan, and Michigan chapters.

The Denison history was published by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, in 1885. It is a square booklet of 80 pages. Facing the title page is a wood cut of Denison University. The title page reads as follows: "Alpha Eta Chapter | of the | Beta Theta Pi | (*cut of the badge*) | An Account of its Foundation and Growth, its Mem- | bership and College Records, with a List | of Prizes Won, Chapter Songs, and | Various other Matters of | Interest, by | Francis Wayland Shepardson | Class of 1882. | Chapter Founded | A.D. MDCCCLXVIII. | Denison University | Granville. | Times Book & Job Print | 1885."

The contents are divided into seven chapters. Chapter I treats of the boxing club, of the Haphazard or Eta Eta club, and of the chapter of Kappa Phi Lambda, which developed out of it, and which became the Alpha Eta chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Chapter II treats of the history of the chapter until 1872, Chapters III and IV of the *sub rosa* life of the chapter, due to anti-fraternity laws, and Chapter V of the life of the chapter from the repeal of these laws until 1885; Chapter VI, of the relation of the chapter to the general fraternity, giving a list of the members of the chapter who have held positions of honor or trust in the fraternity, or have been connected with its general relations; Chapter VII, of the hymnology of the chapter, giving a list of the songs of the fraternity, composed by members of the chapter, and the words of some of them—a record of which Alpha Eta has a right to be proud. After these chapters comes the prize record, and then the roll of the chapter, with a brief biography of each member.

The Ohio Wesleyan history was prepared by Samuel Raymond Thornburg, Ohio Wesleyan, '15. It is an attractive brochure of 88 pages in large type with wide page margins and neatly bound in Yale blue board. The title page reads as follows: "The History | of | Theta | Chapter | of the | Beta Theta Pi Fraternity | *cut of the chapter arms* | Being a History of

Theta Chapter of Beta | Theta Pi, Located at Ohio Wesleyan | University, Delaware, Ohio | by | Samuel Raymond Thornburg | Issued in the Sixty-second Year of its Activity | 1915." There is no indication of the place of printing or publication.

The text divisions include Foreword, The Chapter History, Some Interesting Facts, Theta and the Fraternity, The Men of Theta, and Conclusion. The inspiration for this study of the life of a famous chapter was a chapel address by the president of the university, recalling some of Ohio Wesleyan's distinguished sons. He mentioned eleven individuals, six of whom were Theta members. The titles above mentioned suggest the subject matter of the book. Theta, in a way, was the foster father of Alpha Gamma at Wittenberg, Alpha Eta at Denison, Alpha Lambda at Wooster, Beta Alpha at Kenyon, Theta Delta at Ohio State and Beta Nu at Cincinnati. Its history is linked up with that of these Ohio chapters, and this feature and interesting stories of its own internal life are admirably developed in a readable way.

The history of the Michigan chapter was the work of Shelby B. Schurtz '08. Dedicated to Junius E. Beal '82, "as the individual among the living who has done the most for Lambda and to whom Lambda is most indebted," and bound in Michigan blue and gold, it is a handsome volume of xiv+268 pages, with text measure of $4\frac{3}{4}$ by $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The title page reads as follows: Beta Theta Pi | at | Michigan | 1845-1928 | History of the University of Michigan | Chapter, the Lambda of Beta Theta Pi | By | Shelby B. Schurtz, A.B., 1908; LL.B., 1910 | (*seal of chapter*, with subscription "*a lamp unto my feet*") | Privately Printed | 1928. The back of the book bore the title "B Θ Π at Michigan, 1845-1928," and the side "Beta Theta Pi at Michigan, 1845-1928" above the chapter coat-of-arms, all inscriptions being in gilt upon the Michigan blue.

Following a Foreword by Francis W. Shepardson, the president of the fraternity, and a Preface by the author, were twelve chapters, The Background and the Beginning; The First Fraternity Comes to Michigan; Other Fraternities Established; The Fraternity War; Fraternity War Documents; The Fraternity War Continues; The Fraternities are Recognized; "J. Barnes Root and Co., Saboteurs"; The Palladium; Beta Blood; The Lambda Chapter Roll; The Code of Beta Theta Pi. A comprehensive index followed the 1928 Directory of the Fraternity. The book was richly illustrated with university and chapter pictures and with photographic reproduction of historic records and documents. Rescuing from oblivion and reprinting in easily accessible form some of the documents of earlier years, giving the arguments of the enemies and the friends of the incipient secret society system, Mr. Schurtz rendered a valuable service to the cause of American college fraternities.

About a hundred pages were devoted to the chapter roll, which, at the time of publication accounted accurately for every member of Lambda living and dead, the names being listed by classes, geographically and alphabetically, and the living members being named in a fourth list alphabetically and by roll number.

In January, 1930, the Detroit alumni of the University of Michigan chapter published an attractive pamphlet of 64 pages inside a neat cover of gray, with the title, "Michigan Corrects Its Seal." It was a reprint of the briefs, arguments and records whereby the board of regents of the university offi-

cially recognized the date, August 26, 1817, as the correct foundation date of the institution and changed its seal to conform with the board's decision to use 1817 instead of 1837. The cover bore the seal of the university and the arms of Lambda chapter and the publication committee citing "Beta Theta Pi at Michigan" paid due tribute to the work of Shelby B. Schurtz, Michigan '08, in gathering and arranging the historical material.

CHAPTER CATALOGUES

In 1925 Karl W. Fischer, Indiana, '25, published a 50-page pamphlet containing a brief sketch of fraternity and chapter history, followed by a list of all members of Pi chapter at Indiana University, each one being given a roll number and a concise biographical note. This booklet is an unusually valuable contribution to chapter history. Its title page reads: "Catalogue | of the | Indiana Chapter | Beta Theta Pi | (*cut of old-time Pi chapter seal*) | Indiana University | Bloomington, Indiana | 1925." The chapter members are listed three times, each list having cross references, first in order of initiation, then alphabetically and then geographically. A revised edition was issued in 1930.

At least two other of our present chapters have printed catalogues of their members, though not as Beta chapters. The Brown chapter, while it was the parent chapter of the Phi Kappa Alpha society, issued a creditable catalogue, and the Sigma Delta Pi society, of Dartmouth, compiled a similar book, both of which are of interest to the fraternity since the alumni of these societies are entitled to admission into the fraternity.

The book of Phi Kappa Alpha is a small octavo pamphlet of forty pages, with a blue cloth cover displaying the name of the fraternity in gold. It is entitled, "The Constitution | and | Record | of the | Phi Kappa Alpha | Fraternity | September, 1878." On the next page are the names of the committee of publication, and on the third page the seal of the fraternity. Following this is the constitution of the fraternity and the act of the legislature of Rhode Island incorporating the chapter by a special act. Then follows the roll of members, beginning with those in the Class of 1872 and ending with those in the Class of 1880. Succeeding this is the roll of the chapter of the fraternity which was established at Rochester University in 1870, containing the names of the members in the classes from 1874 to 1881, inclusive. The second chapter died before the Brown chapter of B @ II in 1889, issued catalogues in 1874 and 1882.

The Sigma Delta Pi, or Vitruvian society, which became the Dartmouth chapter of B @ II in 1889, issued two catalogues, one in 1874 and the other in 1882.

The first of these is an octavo pamphlet of twenty-eight pages, with a violet colored paper cover, bearing the outside title, "Sigma Delta Pi | or | Vitruvian," enclosed in a fancy border, and underneath is the date, 1874. The inside title is, "Catalogue | of the | Sigma Delta Pi | or | Vitruvian Fraternity | (*cut*) | Founded in 1858 | Concord, N. H. | The People Steam Press | 1874"; and on the second page, "Published under the Supervision of the Alpha Chapter." On the following page is a list of the chapters—Alpha at Dartmouth; Beta, at Cornell, and Gamma, at Wooster, Ohio. Then followed the list of members, with their addresses, those of the Alpha chapter from the classes of 1862 to 1877; Beta chapter, '72 to '74, inclusive, and Gamma chapter, '73 to '77, inclusive. An alphabetical index completes the book.

The second catalogue is a pamphlet of forty pages, with a brown paper cover. The outside title is, "Sigma Delta Pi | (*cut*) | Vitruvian"; the inside, "Catalogue | of the | $\Sigma \Delta \Pi$ | or | Vitruvian Society | (*monogram*, D. S. C.) | Dartmouth | 1882." This is in black; underneath is the society "poster" in green. The book contains an introduction by the committee of publication, and a short history of the society, by Frank E. Shedd, Dartmouth, '80. Then follows the list of the members of the Dartmouth chapter, including the classes from '62 to '86, with moderately full biographical details of the members, and an alphabetical index concludes the book. There is no mention made of other chapters, except in the historical sketch referred to.

In this connection it should be noted that many chapters which publish chapter papers are accustomed to print a complete chapter roll at least once a year, corrections and alterations being invited. These annual lists now serve the purpose of a separate chapter catalogue. Many chapters also keep scrapbooks of memorabilia for historical purposes. In some cases these are poorly handled, but in other instances great care is taken by an archivist or officer of other title to keep the scrapbooks in order. In quite a number of chapter houses kodak collections are preserved to supplement the books of clippings. The Denison chapter has over fifty volumes of scrapbooks representing continuing care and interest for nearly half a century since the plan was first adopted.

PERIODICALS OTHER THAN THE MAGAZINE

The Mystical Seven maintained a creditable publication from 1886 to 1890, when it was merged into the *Beta Theta Pi* upon the union of the two fraternities. It was called the *Mystic Messenger*, and was begun with the publication of Volume I., No. 1, in June, 1886, Cooper D. Schmitt being the editor. It was a large octavo of twenty-eight pages, with a light brown paper cover, and contained the report of the chief executive, certain statistics of the chapters, and a short historical sketch of the fraternity, with the reports of the chapters, the rolls of some of them, and various general articles. The articles were usually signed with the mystical names of the members. This number contained no imprint, and nothing indicated the place of publication or the address of the editor.

The next number, of twenty-eight pages, was called Volume II., No. 1, and was dated November, 1886. The editor-in-chief was still Cooper D. Schmitt; M. H. H. Caldwell, of Concord, North Carolina, was alumnus editor, and the chapter editors were Frank Muller, University of Virginia; Robert G. Sparrow, Davidson College, and M. W. Edgerton, University of North Carolina. It consisted of chapter notes, letters and miscellaneous correspondence. No. 2 of this volume was dated January, 1887, was enlarged to thirty-two pages, and contained about the same amount of matter, only more systematically arranged. Its first cover page bore the legend, "Published Quarterly by the Mystic Seven Fraternity | Terms of Subscription, \$1.00 for Four Numbers | Entered as Second-class Matter at the Post-office at Charlottesville, Va. | Charlottesville, Jeffersonian Print." No. 3 was dated April, 1887, and contained the announcement of the semi-centennial convention to be held in June. There were good letters from all the chapters, some timely gossip and personals grouped under the head of "Messages." No. 4, dated July, 1887, of twenty-six pages, showed no change in style

or management. It contained the report of the chief executive which, among other items, included an account of the attempt to re-establish communication with the bastard senior society of the Owl & Wand, at Wesleyan University, that society then being thought to be a legitimate though in-

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MYSTIC SEVEN FRATERNITY.

VOL. II.

JULY, 1887.

No. 4

With this issue closes the second volume. That the decision of the fraternity to issue the MESSENGER quarterly was a wise one, is now evident to all. We can see how much it has helped in uniting the chapters, stirring up an interest in one another and arousing a more general interest among the alumni. We sometimes wonder what would be the present position of the fraternity if we had always had a publication, and it fills us with much regret to look back upon the dark ages of our existence when the brethren were even too indolent to transcribe the minutes of regular meetings, much less try to do anything for our advancement. It seems strange that the love for the fraternity could become so faint and so selfish as it then was. The members were content to enjoy themselves without a thought of what they might accomplish in the fraternity world. Every year we are gaining, and the MESSENGER is filling an important position. As we increase

Facsimile of a page of the journal of the Mystical Seven.

different chapter. The chapter reports and correspondence, together with the minutes of the semi-centennial convention, concluded the number.

Volume III. opened with No. 1, of twenty-eight pages, was dated November, 1887, and showed no change in style or management, except changes in the chapter editors. It contained chapter reports, some historical notes, and the usual quota of "messages." No. 2, dated February, 1888, contained thirty pages. It had chapter reports and good historical articles on the Wesleyan and Mississippi chapters. The former was from the pen of George H. Stone, Wesleyan, '67, who, while evincing a deep interest in

the fraternity, neglected to inform the Mystics that he had been chiefly instrumental in causing the destruction of the parent chapter, and in transferring its practices and ritual to a senior society. There were no more numbers in this volume. The journal suspended for lack of support, and was not revived until April, 1889, when Volume IV. was opened by the issue of No. 1, of sixty-six pages, under the direction of Herbert Barry, of Warrentown, Virginia. This number contained the usual chapter reports, an article on "A Japanese Dinner Party," by Charles M. Bradbury, Virginia, '88; one on "Observation in Greece," by Dr. Gonzalez Lodge of the Davidson chapter, with careful and well-written histories of the temple of the "Hands & Torch," at the University of Virginia, the temple of the "Sword & Shield," at Davidson College, and the temple of the "Star of the South," at the University of North Carolina. It also contained a complete roll of the temple of the "Hands & Torch." It announced that thereafter the *Mystic Messenger* would be issued semi-annually. The union with B Θ II, however, obviated the necessity for continuing it, and it has been merged into the older journal of the united order, which, for a number of years bore the legend, "With which has been united the *Mystic Messenger*."

When the A Σ X fraternity united with B Θ II, some of the new chapters felt that they needed some means to bring their alumni in harmony and touch with their new fraternity relations. The Stevens and Cornell chapters accordingly commenced the issue of chapter periodicals. Each of these was printed on the hectograph, and was a small quarto in form. Each contained the full roll of members of the chapter. That of Stevens was called *Sigma's Alumnus*. It ran through two volumes, the numbers of which were as follows: Vol. I., No. 1, February, 1881; No. 2, March, 1881; No. 3, April, 1881; No. 4, May, 1881. Vol. II., No. 1, November, 1881; No. 2, January, 1882; No. 3 has no date, but must have been issued in February, 1882; No. 4, April, 1882. That of Cornell was called *The Beta Delta Chapter Chronicle*, and only one volume, containing two numbers, was issued, in May and June, 1881. One number of the Stevens chapter paper contained short biographies of the initiates of February, 1881; viz., William T. Magruder, William S. Dilworth, Richard Lee Fearn, Joseph C. Minton and Harvey F. Mitchell, under the caption of "Our Babies"; an account of "The New Machine Shop"; a little historical sketch of "Alpha Sigma Chi," and, on the last page, a list of the alumni and active members. Other issues were much like it.

In 1905-06 the chapter at the University of Pennsylvania issued a little four page journal called "The Dorg," and about the same time the Ohio chapter issued a similar journal called "The Grip." In 1930 many such chapter papers are published, some of them quite dignified in style and in number of pages printed during the year.

The Mystic Messenger of Beta Theta Pi was the name of a secret periodical, the first number of which was issued March 1, 1890, by Charles M. Hepburn, the then editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*. It was sent in sealed envelopes to those members of the fraternity who paid fifty cents per year for it, but its issue was spasmodic, and it was finally discontinued by order of the convention.

It was a four or eight-paged octavo circular, printed in brier type.

Its primary purpose, as stated in the prospectus, was to treat of the more private affairs of the fraternity, and to give information concerning them, but it soon became a sort of supplemental circular letter of the regular magazine, and probably its lack of support was due to this fact. All of the numbers were printed in Cincinnati, and, so far as known, were issued

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THE MYSTIC MESSENGER.

AN editorial in the last number of *The Beta Theta Pi* announced that it was proposed to establish a secret monthly edition of that magazine treating of matters which should not be published to the world. Such an edition has long been contemplated. It has been felt that until Beta Theta Pi should have both a monthly magazine treating generally of the fraternity and going out to all the world, and also a secret monthly encyclical, informing the chapters of the inner workings of Beta Theta Pi, our fraternity system would be dangerously incomplete. Unfortunately the demands upon the treasury are heavy. Lack of means has long rendered the extra expenditure necessary for such a publication financially inexpedient. But each month inculcates anew its necessity from a regard for the fraternity's welfare. And so with this first day of March, **THE MYSTIC MESSENGER OF BETA THETA PI** makes its first appearance, to reappear the first of each month hereafter during the college year.

SUB ROSA

THE Rose was the flower of secrecy and sacred to the God of Silence. At their feasts, as Ovid (is it not?) has it, the ancients suspended the rose above their tables that the guests might know that what was there said was to be kept secret. Bear in mind, brother Betas, that the rose, the flower of Beta Theta Pi, is above this sheet. What is here given is given *sub rosa*: it is not intended for the world at large; and, so far as you can prevent, should not be permitted to pass outside of the circle of your Beta friends. **THE MYSTIC MESSENGER** is intended especially for the chapters, in whose hands the welfare of Beta Theta Pi rests so largely.

It should not be inferred, however, that **THE MYSTIC MESSENGER** is to be devoted exclusively to the announcement of grave secrets, the knowledge of which by our rivals would seriously embarrass the progress of our order or imperil the achievement of contemplated ends. Now and then, indeed, a matter of some such importance may be brought to the attention of the chapters through these pages. But we shall have much to say concerning other matters, of a merely domestic nature, as it were—a word of encouragement to some weak chapter, of advice to some erring, or of warning to some lazy (we use the word advisedly) chapter or cor. sec., or of hearty commendation of prompt, painstaking, and effective work by chapters or individuals. We shall keep the chapters informed of the doings of the Board of Directors, so far as they are given us for such publication. We shall point

as follows: Vol. I., No. 1, March 1, 1890; No. 2, April 1, 1890; No. 3, May 1, 1890; No. 4, June 2, 1890; No. 5, September 15, 1890. Vol. II., No. 1 not issued; No. 2, November 15, 1890; No. 3, December 23, 1890; No. 4, January-February, 1891. Vol. III., No. 1, March, 1892, and No. 2, June 1, 1892.

Several of the chapters, notably those at St. Lawrence, Maine, Butler and Dickinson, have published college annuals unaided by other college organizations, and there are other ephemeral publications which might be mentioned, but they have not been of sufficient importance.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Several membership lists have been issued at different times and places. Many of these have been mere broadsides or folders giving the list of members in a city or state; some have formed a part of chapter letters issued to alumni. A few, however, have had a more permanent character and will briefly be referred to.

The first such list was printed in the fraternity magazine for January, 1885, Volume XXII, page 137, being the list showing the sixty-three Betas in Chicago. The claim is made by the Chicago (Alpha) alumni association for the first separately printed list, this being prepared by William D. Fullerton, Northwestern '85, when he was its secretary.

Another early list is "The Indianapolis Alumni | of the | Beta Theta Pi | April, 1898," issued by Maverick Terrell of the De Pauw chapter. It is a little book bound in boards, blue on one side and pink on the other, with the title printed in gold. It contains a list of officers of the Indianapolis Alumni chapter for 1898-99 and an alphabetical list of the alumni giving their names, chapter, residence, occupation and business address. It also contains a list of the general officers of the fraternity, a memorandum referring to the magazine and a list of all of the alumni and active chapters arranged by districts.

The next is a "Catalog | of | Chicago Alumni Chapter" issued in April, 1902. It gives a list of the officers of the alumni chapter and then a list of all the Betas in Chicago, with their chapter, name, residence, occupation and telephone number. It is bound in gray paper and bears on the last cover page an advertisement of the "Educational Register Company" which issued it as an advertisement.

A similar list was issued in 1906 under the same auspices. It was interleaved with memorandum pages and had a red and blue paper cover.

In 1905 the Cleveland Alumni Chapter, through Walter L. Flory, issued a very neat paper bound catalogue to the alumni residing in Cleveland.

In 1904 James T. Brown prepared and the New York Alumni Association published a book of "Members | of | Beta Theta Pi | residing in | New York City | and vicinity." It contained forty-eight pages and was bound in cloth with a side title in gold. The names were arranged alphabetically and were followed by the chapter and class, occupation, business address and residence. In January, 1907, a new edition contained seventy-two pages and was bound in red buckram with a side stamp of the coat-of-arms inclosed in a beaded oval in gold. The 1925 edition was a book of 144 pages.

These publications were forerunners of many similar ones of which no record has been kept. In some cities such lists are printed every year or every alternate year, sometimes as part of the administration of the local alumni association, sometimes paid for by individual sales, sometimes issued in return for an advertising page or two. Of such character are a Chicago directory of 1922, printed by L. B. Southerland, North Carolina, '98, general manager of the Chicago branch of the Cadillac Motor Car Company, a booklet of forty-eight pages inside a cover; a Chicago directory of 1925, printed by Walter A. Strong, Beloit, '05, with advertisements of the Chicago *Daily News* of which he is publisher, this containing in its sixty-six pages inside a cover an alphabetical list of Betas in Chicago, a chapter classification of

such members, a list of the national officers of the fraternity, and another of the officers of the Chicago Beta Club; directories of the Southern California Alumni Association, issued from Los Angeles each year in attractive form, usually with twenty-four pages inside a pleasing cover bearing the fraternity arms; directories of the Philadelphia Beta Theta Pi Club, usually booklets of twenty pages and cover, and similar directories for Indianapolis, Omaha and Council Bluffs, and others of the larger cities. The St. Louis and Colorado associations keep their directories well up to date, the former sometimes adding a list of St. Louis pledges to Beta chapters, a list of colleges represented, and a brief statement about the fraternity.



THE BOSTON TECH CHAPTER HOUSE

Deserving of special mention and high praise is the Pacific Northwest Directory of Beta Theta Pi issued in 1927, by the University of Washington chapter, an attractive, bound volume of 83 pages, covering members of the fraternity in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, British Columbia and Hawaii.

The University of Colorado chapter, in connection with its quarter centennial celebration in October-November, 1924, issued a sixteen page pamphlet, a combination programme for the anniversary and catalogue of members, a picture of the chapter house showing through the mortised cover. It was prepared by Erl H. Ellis, '10.

THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

Previous to 1879, the constitution remained in manuscript, and was copied for the use of the chapters. The convention of 1879 ordered the constitution printed, and the first copies were supplied to the A Σ X chapters in October of that year, printed in pink and blue on demi-folio sheets of paper. This form proved inconvenient, and the General Secretary was requested by the convention of 1884 to print the constitution and laws in one book, and the several editions since then have been as follows: The edition of 1885 is an eighty-page pamphlet, 16mo in size. The title page reads: "Constitution | and | Laws | of the | Beta Theta Pi | (*cut of the badge*) | Published by Order | of the | Forty-fifth Annual Convention," Columbus,

Ohio, 1885. It contains the constitution of 1879, with the amendments of 1881 to 1884 incorporated in the text. Following this are the laws as codified in 1882, with the amendments embodied in the text. Succeeding this are several blank pages for inserting amendments, and it concludes with the standard by-laws for the government of alumni chapters adopted by the forty-fifth convention.

The edition of 1890 bears a similar title page: "Constitution | and | Laws | of the | Beta Theta Pi | (*cut of the badge*) | Second Edition, with Notes | Published by Order | of the | Fiftieth Annual Convention, 1890." This edition contained the constitution and laws, with all the amendments to date, and in addition was enriched with sixty-four explanatory notes from the pen of J. Cal. Hanna, who had it printed. It consisted of ninety-two pages of matter, each a full third larger than the pages of the previous edition.

The edition of 1892 bears the title, "Constitution | and | Laws | of the | Beta Theta Pi | Adopted by the XXXIX. and XL. Annual Convention and | Revised and Adopted by the LII. and LIII. | Annual Conventions | (*cut of the badge*) | Third Edition | With Notes | by | John Calvin Hanna | Published | By Order of the | Fifty-third Annual Convention." Columbus, Ohio, 1892. It consists of 150 pages of fine type, including the text of the constitution and laws. An appendix to the laws contained the amendments of 1891 and 1892, and 121 explanatory notes, and concludes with a list of the officers of the fraternity. Slips containing the amendments of 1893, and adapted to be pasted in place, were also prepared and sent to the chapters in October, 1893.

As related elsewhere, the convention of 1895 appointed a commission consisting of Wyllys C. Ransom, William A. Hamilton and J. Cal. Hanna to draft a new constitution. Their report was adopted and they were then instructed to prepare a code of laws in harmony with the new constitution. The whole instrument is known as the "Constitution and Laws of 1897." These changes necessitated a new edition which was prepared by Brother Hanna and has several times been reprinted for the use of the fraternity. The title page reads: "Code | of | Beta Theta Pi | including | The Constitution | (*cut of the badge*) | and | The Laws | adopted by the LVIII. General Convention | held at | Niagara Falls, New York | on the | 16th, 17th, 19th and 20th of July | A.D. 1897." The old size and style was continued and the book had eighty pages and an index and contained the helpful notes prepared by Brother Hanna.

For a few years after 1897 as new laws were enacted slips containing their text were prepared to be pasted into the 1897 edition. Not many such were required as few changes in the laws were made.

The administration of J. Cal. Hanna as General Secretary also saw the publication of the "Secretary's Manual," of which were printed two editions, in 1885 and 1890, respectively. The edition of 1885 is a brown paper covered book, imperial 32mo in size, and of twenty-one pages. Its title is, "A Manual of Instruction | for the | Corresponding Secretaries | of the | Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, 1885," and consisted chiefly of instructions as to the manner of preparing the annual and other reports which the secretaries should make. The edition speedily became exhausted, and a second edition was issued in 1890. Its scope was much enlarged, and it was printed uniformly with the then current edition of the constitution. It was entitled, "A Manual of Instruction | for the | Members | of the | Beta Theta Pi Fraternity | Columbus, Ohio, 1889." It contains seventy pages of closely

printed matter. It describes the larger and more obvious features of the fraternity, and is admonitory, explanatory and expostulatory by turns.

Two editions of the Code were published during the administration of Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, as General Secretary. That of 1912, a pamphlet of ninety-six pages, bore on its title page the words: "Code | of | Beta Theta Pi | including | The Constitution | and | The Laws | Seventh Edition | Edited by | Francis W. Shepardson | General Secretary | Published by authority of the Convention | in the seventy-third year | of the fraternity | Chicago | 1912." The eighth edition, published in 1916 with the same title page, contained 100 pages. In each of these editions, the text was followed by brief Historical Notes about the fraternity's chapters, its officers, its conventions with time, place and official register, and its members.



THE NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER HOUSE

The ninth edition, printed in 1923, contained 120 pages and was published in the same size and general form as the editions of 1912 and 1916. Its title page read: "Code | of | Beta Theta Pi | including | The Constitution | and | The Laws | Edited by | Geo. Howard Bruce | General Secretary | Ninth Edition | Published by authority of the Convention in | the Eighty-fourth Year of the Fraternity | 1923." It included the articles of the Founders' Fund and of the Baird Fund and Examination Questions for novitiates, in addition to the Historical Notes.

A tenth edition of the code, with all corrections up to date, was published in the first edition of *The Beta Book* in 1927, as a separate chapter. In 1929, a complete revision of the constitution and the laws was prepared by a code commission consisting of George Howard Bruce, chairman, H. Sheridan Baketel, A. J. Priest, Willis O. Robb and General Secretary Baily which was appointed on March 9, 1928. After adoption by the convention and ratification by the chapters in separate vote the code chapter in *The Beta Book* was revised, and a small edition for administrative use was printed by the George Banta Publishing Company, its title page reading: Beta Theta Pi | The Code | Including | The Constitution | and | The Laws | (*cut of coat of*

arms of the fraternity) Edited by | Harold J. Baily | General Secretary | Eleventh Edition | Published by Authority of the Convention | in the Ninety-first Year of | the Fraternity | 1930.

CALENDARS

In 1892, and perhaps in 1891 and 1893, calendars were issued having special references to dates prominent in the fraternity. The 1892 issue had 24 leaves with a front and back cover of pink cardboard, the whole perforated at the top, and held together by suspension rivets. The front cover displayed the title, "Beta Theta Pi | (*dragon cut*) | Calendar | for | 1892 | Issued by G. R. Hoskins, Gardner, Massachusetts," | surrounded by sundry ornamental rules. As the dates prominent in fraternity annals did not lend themselves readily to symmetrical arrangement, the value of the information on the several leaves varied greatly. It was a pleasing example of fraternity enthusiasm.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE RITUAL

During its first thirty years of life, 1839-1869, Beta Theta Pi had no distinct and formal ritual for the initiation of new members. The Constitution of the fraternity stated its ideals, described its badge, explained its motto and included its obligations. The procedure was that a candidate, always carefully selected, was invited to a chapter meeting. The Constitution was read to him and then he was asked whether he approved it, and if so, whether he desired to join Beta Theta Pi. His reply being favorable, the chapter president, or some other member selected for the purpose, made a brief speech and the candidate, having signed the roll, was given the grip and thenceforward was recognized as a full-fledged member of the fraternity.

The first record book of the Western Reserve chapter has preserved the exact form of ceremonial used by it:

"When a person to be initiated is formally introduced by the Marshal, the members shall rise and the President shall put the following questions:

First—Do you desire to become a member of the Beta Theta Pi Society?

Second—Do you pledge the courtesy of a gentleman and your honor to preserve inviolably secret all that you may know before signing the Constitution?

If these questions are answered in the affirmative, the Constitution shall then be read and signed; and the President shall say: "In behalf of the Beta Theta Pi Society, I tender you most cordially the congratulations of its members, the welcome of fellowship, and the privileges of our brotherhood."

It was not at all uncommon to have a name proposed, a full discussion of the individual, a favorable vote, a committee of notification and the initiation all at one meeting.

A study of the convention minutes as published in Baird: "Forty Years of Fraternity Legislation" shows that, as early as August 9, 1848, a committee was appointed "to draft a general form of initiation for the association." The subject was brought up again and again during the following years, among those appointed to study and report upon a plan being Schuyler Colfax, Indiana Asbury '54, later Vice-President of the United States, and George Hoadly, Western Reserve '44, later Governor of Ohio. But no effective action appears to have been taken until 1869.

At the Convention of 1868, held in Nashville, Tennessee, July 14-16, the Cumberland chapter, then the Presiding Chapter, included the following paragraph in its annual report:

"The Presiding Chapter would respectfully call your attention to the importance of taking some action toward adopting a uniform form of initiation. At present each

chapter arranges its own form, and, as a natural consequence, no two chapters have the same form of initiation. All well organized and well regulated fraternities, we believe, have the same form of initiation in all their chapters, and we earnestly hope the subject will not be overlooked by your honorable body."

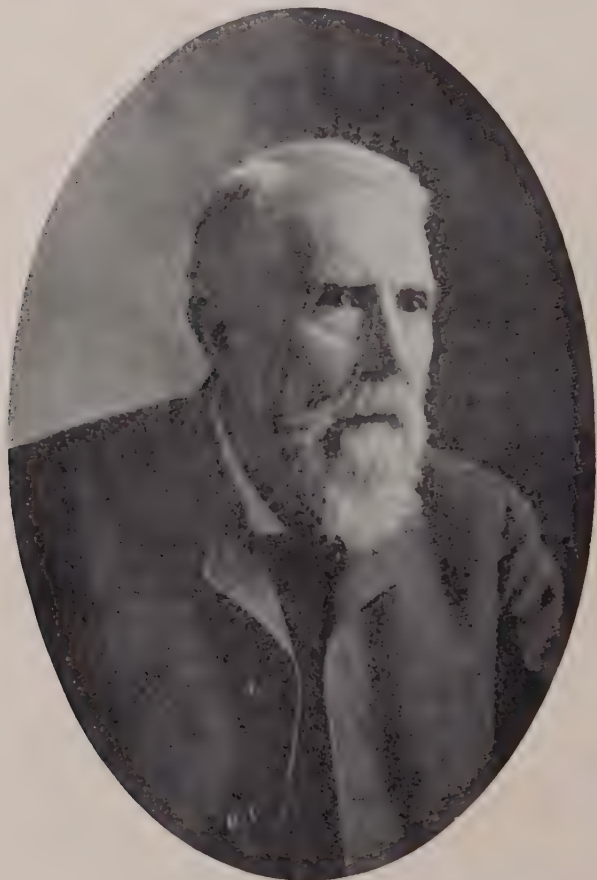
The Convention of 1869, held in Columbus, Ohio, appointed a Committee on Initiatory Ceremony, consisting of Gen. Robert W. Smith, Williams '50, Chaplain J. Hogarth Lozier, Indiana Asbury '57, John W. Lovett, Indiana Asbury '69, and William G. Wilson, Iowa Wesleyan '70, alumni and undergraduates thus being represented. This committee reported a ceremonial which was adopted on the afternoon of July 8, 1869. The Convention of 1870, held in Chicago, instructed the Presiding Chapter to "send each chapter a copy of the ritual adopted at the last Convention." The arcana remained a part of the Constitution, whose reading was an essential feature of the initiation ceremony.

At the Convention of 1877, held in Detroit, Major Wyllys C. Ransom, Michigan '48, introduced a resolution looking toward a revised Constitution and "a ceremonial for initiation and other work to be used uniformly by all the chapters." A committee for this reconstructive labor comprised Major Ransom, A. N. Grant, Indiana Asbury, and O. R. Brouse, Indiana Asbury '66. The use in this resolution of the technical term, "work," reflects the influence upon Beta Theta Pi of the fraternal organizations, such as Freemasonry and Oddfellowship. At the Convention of 1878, held at Indianapolis, on motion of Major Ransom, a committee was appointed "to prepare and submit to the next Convention a form of initiation and other ceremonies to be adopted for uniform use among the chapters, with instructions to incorporate in the same such portions of the Constitution now in force as may be adapted for the purpose and desirable to be perpetuated." Major Ransom, Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan '79, and A. N. Grant, Indiana Asbury '74, were appointed. This resolution followed a report from the committee appointed in 1877 earnestly urging such action. The epoch-marking Cincinnati Convention of 1879 adopted the proposed Constitution from which all the secret work was eliminated.

The "Old Ritual," which, with very slight modifications, was used in all initiations down to 1880, was not printed. At that time the second ritual, prepared by Major W. C. Ransom, was adopted. It was printed and bound and furnished to the chapters, and most of them adopted it and used it for seven or eight years. It was a beautiful ceremonial of high grade, but, for the time, was too marked an advance over the simplicity of the old form to win secure favor. It required a letter-perfect rendition of all speeches to make it splendidly effective. Some chapters continued to use the old ritual, a fact which led to confusion.

In 1886 a movement for a new ritual began and the Convention of that year appointed a committee of which Professor W. H. Crawshaw, LL.D., Colgate '87, was chairman, to prepare an improved ritual. Their report was made to the Convention of 1887, at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, and was ordered printed and sent to the chapters for trial. The 1879 ritual had introduced an element of "rough-house," but the one of 1887 carried this too far. Some chapters used it, but others expressed great dissatisfaction with it. The first edition of the 1879 ritual was exhausted, and new chapters which were being established needed to be supplied. Under these circumstances it was natural that various modifications should have been made and local features should have been added by the chapters. There was no standard—

there was some dissatisfaction with the two rituals already printed. The greatest variety and a general deterioration in the initiation ceremonies ensued. The chapters, left to themselves, wandered after strange gods, and the simple dignified ritual of early times was entirely forgotten by all save a very few chapters, which had clung all the time to the "Old Ritual," the original, primitive, unprinted ritual. The alumni who were admitted before



MAJOR WYLLYS C. RANSOM, *Michigan*, '48

the eighties, when they attended an initiation, were surprised, disappointed, and sometimes disgusted, with innovations that destroyed dignity and earnestness in the initiation ceremonies.

The Convention of 1888, held at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, took the matter seriously in hand. Great interest was manifested by the older alumni who were present, and a special committee was appointed to prepare instructions of the Convention for the guidance of the committee on ritual. It comprised Rev. J. B. Worrall, D.D., Centre, '73, Rev. F. M. Welch, Dickinson, '88, Professor H. G. McKean, Litt.D., Colgate, '89, Professor Andrew D. Hepburn, D.D., Washington and Jefferson, '56, and General Secretary J. Cal Hanna, Wooster, '81. Their report, which was adopted unanimously,

reflected the spirit and the sentiment of the fraternity. It proposed that Professor Crawshaw and his committee be requested to prepare for the use of the chapters a uniform ritual, containing only what is essential to the initiation of members into the fraternity; that the ritual thus prepared be simple in its form and language, and an embodiment of dignity, seriousness, strength, and tenderness to the exclusion of all that is suggestive of levity;



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that it contain certain definitely designated essentials; that all chapters be required to use this regular ritual in all initiations; and that individual chapters be allowed to add special features of their own, provided that such additions be kept separate from the regular ritual; and also provided that nothing be introduced inconsistent with the dignity and spirit of the fraternity.

Professor Crawshaw prepared a report which was never printed. Owing to an accident the report was not presented to the Convention of 1889, and the Convention ordered the committee to request Dr. Crawshaw and the General Secretary to prepare a "trial ritual" which should be sent to the chapters to be tried and then finally acted upon by the Convention of 1890. The outcome was a ritual published during the college year 1889-90 and sent to the chapters. It was called "A Trial Ritual," and was prepared chiefly by Dickson L. Moore, M.D., Wooster '85. It was practically a return to the "Old Ritual" with some features from the 1879 ritual added. No very thorough report on this "Trial Ritual" was received from the chapters.

The Convention of 1890, held at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, was much interested in the ritual of the Mystic Seven, which was read before it, and as a result adopted a motion of W. R. Baird, Stevens '78, appointing Willis O. Robb and J. Cal Hanna to draft a ritual, embodying, if practicable, some features of the Mystic Seven ritual, and to report to the Convention of 1891. This effort to solve the problem also was a failure, although some corre-

spondence was carried on, and some materials were collected. Neither member of the committee found any time to prepare a new ritual, and the convention of 1891 was like every convention of the five years preceding, in leaving the question before it unsettled. John I. Covington, Miami '70, led the delegates and the alumni in an earnest discussion of the subject. An entirely new committee was appointed, including Col. D. W. McClung, Miami '54, Frank M. Joyce, De Pauw '82, Charles M. Hepburn, Virginia '80, J. K. Peebles, Sc.D., Virginia '88, and Rev. Y. P. Morgan, Dickinson '75, to report to the Convention of 1892. At that Convention, also held at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, a partial report was made, including a form of ritual prepared by Dr. Peebles, which embodied certain features of the Mystic Seven ritual. This had not yet been revised and approved by the other members of the committee, and therefore the whole matter was referred back again to the committee appointed in 1891, to report again in 1893.

To meet the immediate pressing needs of the fraternity, the executive committee of the Board of Directors in December, 1892, decided to publish a reprint of the "Old Ritual," which was done in the spring of 1893.

The Convention of 1893, held at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, received no report from the ritual committee and, after discussion, a new committee was selected, which consisted of Professor Charles K. Gaines, Ph.D., St. Lawrence '76, as chairman and the St. Lawrence chapter as co-operating members. The committee reported to the Chicago Convention of 1895, but its suggestions were so radically different from the time-honored traditions that the printed copies sent to the chapters were not favorably received, and so General Secretary Hanna in March, 1896, had another edition of the "Old Ritual" printed, and this was used until 1904.

At the Cincinnati Convention of 1898 a committee on ritual was appointed, consisting of E. R. Hardy, Boston '96, Willis O. Robb, of Ohio Wesleyan, and Williston Manley, St. Lawrence '88. The committee made no formal report, but was continued through several Convention years. Each year General Secretary Francis H. Sisson, Knox '92, in his report called attention to the importance of the subject and urged early action. Finally, at the Lake Minnetonka Convention of 1902, he recommended that the matter be referred to the Board of Trustees with power. The Board appointed a ritual committee consisting of Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82, Francis H. Sisson, Knox '92, and George M. Chandler, Michigan '98. It presented its report to the Put-in-Bay Convention of 1903 for approval and correction. The ritual being adopted the next year, in printed form, it was submitted to the chapters, with the belief that it would prove satisfactory in actual working. In 1906 a second edition was printed containing slight verbal modifications, this being used until 1916. In that year the results of the experiences of a decade were utilized in the preparation of a revised edition, the work being done by Francis W. Shepardson and George M. Chandler, under appointment by the Board of Trustees. In 1926 the fourth edition of the 1904 ritual was printed. It corrected a few infelicities of expression, incorporated some improving suggestions, and perfected the floor work. The same committee was in charge, having the benefit of the critical comments of General Secretary George H. Bruce, Centre '99. In 1930 a fifth revision was prepared by George M. Chandler, Michigan '98, and Francis W. Shepardson, Denison '82, each paragraph being carefully restudied and critically examined to secure as polished and perfect a ritual as possible.

CHAPTER XVIII

THE SONGS OF THE FRATERNITY

Beta Theta Pi has always been known as a singing fraternity. It has laid great stress upon its songs. It has magnified the idea contained in the words, "A singing chapter is a good chapter." Considering sentiment of prime importance in binding the hearts of its members together, it always has recognized that those chapters which cultivate and cherish the sentimental side of fraternity life are likely to be the ones to which other features of that life appeal as worth while. Because of this deep-seated feeling in the fraternity many members have written songs, until the collection which has grown during more than eighty years is generally regarded as an exceptionally fine one. It contains not only songs written to long-familiar music but a goodly number set to original tunes. Additions are being made from year to year, each new edition of the song book containing new melodies.

The first collection of songs of which we have any knowledge was issued by the Wabash chapter (then called the Iota) in the fall of 1847. They are mentioned in a letter written by Varnum D. Collins of Wabash to Theo. T. Munger of Western Reserve, dated December 28, 1847, and which letter is reprinted in the *Beta Theta Pi*, Vol. VII, p. 163. We reproduce the collection in fac simile.¹

The first song book of the fraternity was issued by the Western Reserve chapter in 1865. The book is a small one of thirty-six pages, about 3½ x 6 inches in size, the type space being further reduced by a red line border. It has a cover of black glazed paper, on the front page of which, enclosed in a gilt line border, in old English type, is the title: "Beta Theta Pi | Beta Chapter | Leader Print. Cleveland." The inside title on the first page is also in old English, in a slightly curved line, "Catalogue and Songs | of Beta Chapter." On the fifth page is the following dedication:

"This catalogue and collection of songs, published under the auspices of Beta chapter, is most respectfully and affectionately dedicated to its graduate members."

Then follows the catalogue of members of the chapter, with their names and residences and symbols, precisely as in the catalogue of 1870 except that the name of T. T. Munger is not in the catalogue of 1870, and Marshall, Mendenhall and Brooks are not in this list.

The following songs were in the book, each one of them appropriately named: *Invitation Song*, "Now brothers to our social band"; *Reunion Song*, "Some time ago there was a band, with hearts both warm and true," etc.; *Beta Theta Pi Song*, "He who on self relies, dares others' help despise, makes feeble fight"—this to the tune of *America*; *Our Motto*, "Oh, joyous and bright are the eyes of the few," etc.; *Beta's Emblems*, "On Beta's night, every heart is light"; *Ne'er May Name of Beta Fade*, taking its title from the first line of the chorus; *Beta's Bonds*, to the tune of *Annie Laurie*, "The heart is ne'er so joyous," etc.; "Let us be happy tonight," "Raise a song

¹ The original was found by George M. Chandler, Michigan, '97, among the papers of his father, Edward Bruce Chandler, Michigan, '58, in the fall of 1906.



FOR THE I. CHAPTER OF THE B. Θ. II. ASSOCIATION.

OPENING ODE.

Hail noble band of youthful men,
Who form the mystic tie,
The Secret Order numbring ten,
Of Beta, Theta, Pi!

On common ground to-night we meet,
Let joy light every eye;
With song of cheer, let each one greet
His Beta, Theta, Pi.

At Friendship's pure, and holy shrine
Let all dissensions die,
And mutual confidence entwine
Our Beta, Theta, Pi.

In "Friendship Hall," 'mid social glee,
Let all with trust rely,
And join each heart in harmony
With Beta, Theta, Pi.

Let Virtue, Truth, and Merit stand
With us escutcheoned high
Upon the shield which guards our band,
Of Beta, Theta, Pi.

Let invocations here find birth—
Perchance they'll reach the sky,
And blessings soon may shower down
On Beta, Theta, Pi.

Let order sit enthroned to-night,
As order reigns on high,
And each renew his sacred plight
To Beta, Theta, Pi.

CLOSING ODE.

Come, let each Beta join his voice,
And bid our Lodge good bye;
While, from its courts, act out through choice
Our Beta, Theta, Pi.

When e'er we mingle with the world,
Let actions show our *due*;
Like pennant to the breeze unfurled,
Of Beta, Theta, Pi.

We ~~will~~ would leave our "Friendship Hall,"
And speak so soon good-bye;
But time and couch to each doth call.
"Fare, Beta, Theta, Pi."

Hail all of high and low degree,
Who form the mystic tie;
Farewell to each, farewell to thee,
My Beta, Theta, Pi.

BENEDICTION.

Let "Nature's sweet restorer sleep,"
Soon wrap us in her strong embrace,
And guardian Angels, vigils keep—
And wilt Thou shield us, God of Grace!

INITIATORY ODE TO THE CHAPTER.

Brothers, again we've met to take the pledge,
Where hearts to kindred hearts reply;
Let "Friendship and Fidelity," inhedge
Our sacred Beta, Theta, Pi.

Here oft we congregate with trusting hearts,
Affection strong, and Friendship nigh;
Let each, and all, act well their different parts,
Thus honor Beta, Theta, Pi.

Once more upon our Order's leni'ning chain,
Another link, this night we tie;
Let time, nor distance, rend in twain
One heart from Beta, Theta, Pi.

And now, when each renews his sacred pledge,
Let heart and hand with joy comply,
Let Friendship shield from ill, our little band
Of noble Beta, Theta, Pi.

While each, in order, gives his willing hand,
Let never Friendship once deny
The slightest tribute at the open shrine,
Of hallow'd Beta, Theta, Pi.

And last of all, let sweetest concord reign
Round Friendship's altar, pure and high,
"With all who wear the badge, or bear the name,"
Which tokens Beta, Theta, Pi.

TO THE INITIATED

Stranger, here oft we've met, a little band,
To cultivate each friendly tie;
To you, we now extend the cordial hand,
Which shields our Beta, Theta, Pi.

We greet thee, as a Brother, in its pale,
In noble actions let us vie,
With words of kindness let us ever hail
Our worthy Beta, Theta, Pi.

To Friendship's noble call, when brother speaks,
Return a kind and prompt reply,
Yes, give the pass, or watchword which he seeks,
And with it, Beta, Theta, Pi.

And now accept this humble tribute, due,
From brothers of the mystic tie;
We trust you—O! prove ever true,
To us—to Beta, Theta, Pi.

The above is a photographic reproduction of the first collection of Beta Songs, used as early as 1847 by the Wabash Chapter.

of breath sublime," both named from their titles; then the well-known *Our Founders*, "When we meet to sing the pleasures that the bonds of Beta yield," etc.; *Oh, Spotless Name for Aye*, and the *Parting Song*, "Brothers, an anthem raise ere we depart." There are twelve songs in all. The music is not given nor the names of the composers of the songs, and only a few of the latter are known. *Our Founders* was written by S. E. Williamson, Western Reserve, '64; *Beta's Bonds*, by the Honorable James B. Black, De Pauw, '60, and *Beta's Emblems*, by M. L. Brooks, Western Reserve, '64.



CHARLES J. SEAMAN, *Denison*, '71

The next song book was entrusted to Alpha Eta chapter and was published by Charles J. Seaman, *Denison*, '71, in 1872. It is a cloth-bound 12mo book of fifty-six pages, and contains the words of forty-one songs, but no music. There is likewise nothing in this book to indicate who wrote the songs. On the front page of the cloth cover is a monogram of rustic letters, "B," "Θ," "II," surrounded by a wreath and surmounted by three stars. The inside title page is printed in three colors—black, red and purple—and reads: "Songs | of the Beta Theta Pi | (*cut of badge*) | Fraternity | MDCCCLXXII." It includes many good songs not in the previous edition—among others, the well-known "Gemma Nostra," by J. S. Tunison, *Denison*, '73, who also wrote the beautiful doxology:

Bless now, O God on high,
 Bless Beta Theta Pi;
 Let naught of wrong
 Sully our mystic gem;
 Let not the wreath be dim;
 Then shall praise be to him
 To whom our song.

Also the fine lyric by Dr. J. O. Stilson, of Hanover, '71:

There's a scene where brothers greet
 Where true kindred hearts do meet,
 At an altar, sending love's sweet incense high;
 Where is found, without alloy,
 Purest store of earthly joy—
 'Tis within the hall of Beta Theta Pi.

And the Wooglin song, by Rev. J. H. Lozier, De Pauw, '57, the author of the Legend of Wooglin, who did so much to arouse enthusiasm by his stirring songs. There is an inspiration in the closing verse which initiates have repeatedly said impressed them as nothing else had done:

'Tis not by the fortunes of fate, brother,
 That lasting fame is won;
 They only are victors great, brother,
 Who win every step they run.
 Then keep our motto in view, brother,
 And ever, with lofty aim,
 Be fearless, and pure, and true, brother,
 And Wooglin will guard your fame.

The Reverend S. N. Wilson, Hanover, '72, is the author of another song endeared by associations to many generations of college youth. What initiate can forget the enthusiasm pent up in the chorus:

Far and wide the praise of Beta sing,
 Out on the air the happy chorus ring.
 Joyful in heart may each brother be,
 Under the mystic three.

Wooglin's Christmas song, by Charles Duy Walker, Virginia Military Institute, '69, while not so popular as some mentioned, is one of the finest songs in the book. Sung to the air of the "Bonnie Blue Flag," the tune was replete with patriotic reminiscence to a Confederate soldier, and the words are full of tender sentiment.

The night is dark and wild without,
 The wind blows fierce and cold,
 And eddying snowflakes softly fall
 Down on the frozen mould;
 But round our brightly blazing fire
 The moments swiftly fly.
 As glad we sing our deep, dear love
 For Beta Theta Pi.

Perhaps the most popular song in the collection, however, was by Charles Hemenway Adams, De Pauw, '65, for years one of the editors of the *Courant* at Hartford, Connecticut. It is a parting song, which first appeared in this edition, and has been sung hundreds of times at reunions and banquets as the hands were joined in the mystic circle:

And now let hand grip into hand,
 And eye look into eye,
 As breaks the leal and loving band
 Of Beta Theta Pi.

Gemma nostra caudeat,
 Obscurata nunquam,
 Atque Sertus conserat
 Caritatis unquam.

Salve! Beta Theta Pi
 In Regina pura,
 Cara tu meo cordi
 Cara, cara, cura.

Stella quisque scintillet;
 Sunt omnes aequales—
 Nunc addunt si quilibet—
 Inter nos, sodales.

Inter fratres veritas,
 Honor, amicitia,
 Fides, virtus, jus et fas
 Omnes sint notitia.

J. S. Tunison,
 Devison '73

A selection of these songs for convention use was a little book of thirty-six pages, bound in a blue paper cover, issued in 1881 by Charles J. Seaman. The title page displayed a most grotesque dragon and shield in blue and red and bore the imprint of J. B. Savage, Cleveland, Ohio. On page 27 there is printed an alternative melody for Wooglin's Christmas song.

The song book of 1884, compiled and published under the supervision of W. H. January, Centre, '80, was a great improvement upon its predecessors. It was an octavo volume and consisted of 105 pages and fifty-six songs, and for the first time the music was printed with the songs, and the names of the authors were given, when known. There was nothing in the book to indicate who was the editor or printer. The book was bound in a limp cloth cover, displaying the familiar dragon and shield, with red edges, cut close, and the inside title was, "Songs | of the | Beta Theta Pi | Fraternity | 1884." The old songs were retained, but several new ones were added, notably "Friendship" and "The Three Knights," by Harmon S. Babcock, Brown, '74; a Latin song, "Manus Laeta," by W. H. Wait, Northwestern, '77; "Hail! Noble Greeks," by Willis Boughton, Michigan, '81; "Carve Dat Canine," an adaption of a negro melody and sentiment, by John I. Covington, Miami, '70; "The Alumni Call," by H. C. White, Stevens, '81, and a stirring banquet song by Arthur L. Hughes, Denison, '79, to the air of "Landlord, fill the flowing bowl."

The book, strange to say, was not popular, probably from its somewhat unhandy size. It was well edited, however, and marked a distinct advance in the hymnology of the fraternity.

An edition of the song book was issued in 1886, and a second printing of this edition in 1888. These, and the subsequent editions down to 1891, were under the direction of Frank M. Joyce, De Pauw, '82, and Frank W. Burgoyne, Wooster, '86. They were all well bound in cloth or leather, with the dragon and badge cut on the outside. The inside title is, "Songs | of the | Beta Theta Pi | (*Cut of dragon and badge*) | Fraternity," followed by the date. All of these editions have the music, and, where known, the names of the authors of the songs. The editions of 1886-88 contained fifty-four songs in seventy-nine pages; that of 1891 contained sixty-three songs in 105 pages. None of these editions under the management of Joyce and Burgoyne contained any reference to any place of publication.

A new edition was issued in 1894 by Frank M. Joyce. It was a book of 135 pages and contained seventy-two fraternity songs and seventeen college songs. The title page read, "Carmina Beta | Songs | of the | Beta Theta Pi Fraternity | compiled by | Frank M. Joyce | Delta Chapter, Class 1882 | Minneapolis, Minn., | 1894. | In the 55th year of the Fraternity." The book was bound in leather with red edges and had a gold side title. It contained nine more songs than the preceding edition, mostly distinctive chapter songs.

The edition of 1902 was edited and published by Horace G. Lozier of the Chicago chapter under the supervision of a committee appointed by the trustees and consisting of Francis H. Sisson, George M. Chandler and Frank E. Lord. It is a small quarto in form and is bound in a red cloth cover, displaying the fraternity flag and the words "Beta Songs." A back title reads: "Songs of B Θ Π." The inside title is, "Songs of | *coat of arms* | Beta Theta Pi. | In the sixty-third year of the Fraternity." It contains a list of the contributors, a handsome steel engraving of the

standard badge, a facsimile of "Gemma Nostra," in the handwriting of the author, J. S. Tunison, Denison, '73, and 116 pages of words and music.

This book introduced to the membership some songs of surpassing merit which appear to be firmly fixed in the affections of all Betas, such as "Come Smoke a Friendly Pipe with Me," "When Our Sons to College Go," "When the Shades of Evening Gather," "Beta Sons of Beta Sires," "The Loving Cup," "The Boys of Alpha Pi," "The Beta Dragon." Several of these were by the editor, Horace Lozier, son of J. Hogarth Lozier, his "She Wears My Beta Pin" being among the most popular. The musical arrangement was fine, the parts being given in most cases with full directions. Some songs had extra accompaniment for guitar or banjo. There were some new marching tunes and some of the old songs were provided with new melodies. The book was an immediate success, the edition being quickly exhausted and a second printing being required.

One of the finest songs first published in this edition of 1902 is by Sam Walter Foss, Brown, '82. The music for it was written by Robert W. Dunn, Michigan, '95.

GOOD BETAS SING FOREVER

Let the zephyr sigh or the tempest blow,
 Let the tossing waves roll high or low,
 Let the world go fast or the world go slow,
 Good Betas sing forever.
 In the hopeful ray of the morning light,
 In the twilight gloom of the gathering night,
 When the stars are hid or the heavens are bright,
 Good Betas sing forever.

Chorus—

Then sing we the song of the young and the strong,
 Of the friends of the right and the foes of the wrong;
 For our hopes are bright and our hearts are light,
 And the songs of joy are our songs tonight.

We are bold and free as the birds that fly
 In the azure depths of the boundless sky,
 And we sing like them as the days go by;
 Good Betas sing forever.

We heed not the flight of the rolling years,
 And the yearly round of the circling spheres,
 For our joys are full and we know no fears;
 Good Betas sing forever.

For our hopes are bright and the world is wide,
 And we launch our skiff on the outward tide,
 And we sing as we sail, whatever betide;
 Good Betas sing forever.

We sing as we sail from our sheltered lea
 To the summer isles or the wintry sea,
 Wherever our course or our port may be;
 Good Betas sing forever.

Here's a song for the joys of the days gone by,
 And a song for the joys that before us lie,
 And a song for both, with never a sigh;
 Good Betas sing forever.

Let the zephyr sigh or the tempest blow,
 Let the tossing waves roll high or low,
 Let the world go fast or the world go slow;
 Good Betas sing forever.

Of the Lozier songs, "The Loving Cup" has won the greatest praise from critics. Many editors of college songbooks, which have continued a few fraternity songs, have sought permission for the use of this as the Beta song to be included. Lozier's arrangement of the music has been appropriated for songs by colleges and by fraternities. He has worked over the original stanzas somewhat, his final version being extraordinarily rich in fraternal sentiment:

THE LOVING CUP

Oh, start the loving cup around, nor pass a brother by;
 We all drink from the same canteen in Beta Theta Pi.
 Oh, you and I can ne'er grow old when this fair cup is nigh;
 Here's life and strength, here's health and wealth, here's all in Phi Kai Phi.

Oh, start the loving cup around, it speaks of other days;
 We see the milestones backward run when on this cup we gaze.
 Our grip grows strong, bold comes our song, when this fair cup we raise;
 So pass the loving cup around and drink in Beta's praise.

The 1902 edition was so nearly ideal that it was the standard for a quarter of a century. In 1907, 1912 and 1917 new collections of songs were printed in the same style of page, typography and arrangement. The edition of 1907 had the benefit of critical study by a special committee appointed by the Board of Trustees, consisting of W. A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, and Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98. Some new melodies were added at each printing. Among these the following, in reminiscential vein, is a notable example of chapter sentiment. It is by Os-
 man C. Hooper, Denison, '79, describing a college room which served as the Alpha Eta chapter hall in his time:

THE OLD CHAPTER HALL

Here is the place where oft we met;
 Rap gently at the door,
 For Memory holds it tender yet
 And will forevermore.
 What e'er it be, 'twas once the shrine
 Of your fidelity and mine.

Turn up the light, and let the eyes
 Once more behold the spot;
 It is the same, yet what disguise!
 The same and yet 'tis not.
 But here it was, and human change
 Our hearts from it shall ne'er estrange.

The toilsome years that mark our brows
 Have wrought their havoc here;
 And alien feet through our retreat
 Move without qualm or fear;
 While forms no stranger eye can see
 Return, and here commune with me.

A tender greeting, dear old room;
 And then once more, goodbye!
 Turn down the light, for in the gloom
 These walls shall best reply;
 And they and I thus best may see
 The ghosts of joys that used to be.

A song whose words and music were written by Kenneth W. Rogers, Syracuse, '17, soon gained wide-spread popularity, being probably destined to

remain as his song memorial in preference to several others contributed to our hymnology by him. Its chorus is lively and catching, and its melody, by a quick change from minor key to major, suggests the transformation of spirit of the novitiate when finally admitted into the charmed circle of brotherhood.

MARCHING ALONG

Dreary the man who spurns his comrades,
Stumbling along his lonely way;
Happier he who joins his brothers
Singing a Beta lay!

So in the night of care and sorrow,
Murky with clouds that shroud our way,
We shall invoke the brighter tomorrow,
Singing a Beta lay!

Marching along in Beta Theta Pi,
Marching along, we'll rend the air with song,
Strong in the might of our bond fraternal,
Friend of the right and the foe of the wrong;
Following paths old Wooglin blazed for us,
Till we arrive at the shrine on high,
Singing again, "Father of Men,
Hail to thee, Beta Theta Pi!"

As a fine tribute to the incomparable work of Horace G. Lozier as editor, the Board of Trustees in 1922, when a new edition of the songbook was greatly needed, chose no new editor but provided for the publication of the book by a committee of its own members, Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82; Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98, and James L. Gavin, De Pauw, '96. In style, page size, character of binding and general appearance it adhered to the model of 1902. Its title page reads: "Songs of | Beta Theta Pi (*Greek text used*) | Published by the Fraternity | in Its Eighty-third Year | Publication Committee | Francis W. Shepardson | Morris R. Ebersole | James L. Gavin | (*cut of fraternity arms*) | The paging of this edition for all old songs in | general use, is the same as in previous editions | Fifteenth Edition | 1922 | Copyright 1922 by Beta Theta Pi." The book contains 172 pages, and includes a brief sketch of the songbook history of the fraternity, the plate of the first song collection and the autograph copy of Gemma Nostra. A number of new songs by Kenneth W. Rogers, Syracuse, '17, and others appeared.

Not all the sheets of this edition were bound up at once, so that it was possible to issue another book under the cover date of 1924 and still another in February, 1925. To this last binding was attached a supplement of sixteen pages, consecutively numbered with the main book, containing six new songs. Two of these immediately sprang into popularity, "The Sons of the Dragon" by Kenneth Rogers and "My Beta Girl," joint production of Ralph E. Gabele and John C. Edgar of the Denison chapter. The latter supplied the need for a "sweetheart song," its first stanza and chorus reading:

"Night, and the fireside glowing,
Casting its spell over me
Sitting here idly dreaming,
Thinking of one dear to me;
Seems that I see her there in the soft glow
The sweetest of all I know.

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Fifteenth Edition

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Sweetheart of mine, my Beta girl,
 Fairest of all, my Beta girl;
 Eyes blue as skies of Beta blue,
 Cheeks like the rose of Beta hue;
 Tender and true, a pal to all,
 Worth of Beta's name;
 You are my light, my diamond so bright,
 My sweetheart, my Beta girl."

In the summer of 1927 a new edition of the songbook was printed under the auspices of the same committee of the Board of Trustees which supervised the 1922 publication. A few songs not much used were dropped; the melodies from the 1925 supplement were incorporated; two or three new songs were added, and some slight rearrangement was effected; but in the main the book was a reprint of that of five years before. Satisfied that there was not much likelihood of any need for complete revision for some years, the Board of Trustees made the edition of 1927 a large one, and many of the sheets were left unbound, to permit of the addition of supplements if desired. There were rebindings in 1928, 1929, and 1930, the cover in each case bearing the date of binding. The editions of 1929 and 1930 included an eight page supplement, containing two new songs, *My Beta Mother*, by George F. Strickling, North Dakota, '25, and *Our Old Beta Home*, by Walter E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan, '77.

An unofficial edition of the songs was issued at Indianapolis in 1899. It is a duodecimo book of fifty-eight pages. The songs are printed without the music. It was bound in a reddish brown paper cover and displayed the title, "Songs | of the | Beta Theta Pi | Fraternity. | Presented to | the Indianapolis Alumni | 1899." It is practically a reprint of the edition of 1888 but contains thirteen songs not found in that collection, one being a song of the Mystic Seven.

Several small collections of songs have been printed for use at banquets and occasional gatherings.

One of our songs which is of the "nonsense" character, based upon the advertisement of a popular breakfast food called "Force," has been very popular at conventions, and is reproduced below. It was written by George Bellows who later became an artist of world fame. It has never been incorporated in any edition of the song book and is perhaps the best type of a number of rollicking songs, widely sung and persistently popular and yet not considered by editorial boards as sufficiently dignified to have a permanent place in Beta hymnology. By changing the chapter name in the third stanza it has become the common possession of many chapters. Reference to the dignified character of the song books issued by the fraternity suggests the statement that in none of them will be found any sentences or words reflecting upon any other fraternity.

SUNNY JIM

Air: "The Pope" (in all college song-books)

(Adapted by Geo. W. Bellows, Ohio State, '05, after a version by the Kenyon Glee Club)

Jim Dumps he led a sorry life, sorry life;
 He had the meanest kind o' wife, kind o' wife.
 The babies they would always get the croup
 And they would yell like billy whoop—
 The babies they would always get the croup
 And they would yell like billy whoop.

At last, all driven to despair, to despair,
 Jim Dumps got up and tore his hair, and tore his hair;
 At last his wife brought home some Force to him
 And Force has made him Sunny Jim—
 At last his wife brought home some Force to him
 And Force has made him Sunny Jim.

A little frog sat on a well, on a well,
 And sang with fire in his eye, in his eye
 Sang he, I am a Theta Delta man,
 Of dear old Beta Theta Pi,
 Sang he, I am a Theta Delta man,
 Of dear old Beta Theta Pi.

We will conclude our review of our literature on this subject by transcribing a sentiment by a Bethany undergraduate who caught the spirit of the fraternity singing and has expressed it skillfully in verse, as follows:

A BETA SONG

By Monica Byrd, Bethany, '05

O sing me a bit of a Beta song,
 For fellowship and cheer,
 No other music rings so long
 In a Beta's heart and ear,
 For the words are brave, and the words are true,
 And the air won't drag along;
 Go find a Beta boy or two,
 To sing a Beta song.

The stormy opera passes by,
 The master's band is gone,
 The mighty strains grow dim and die,
 We lose them, one by one;
 But change may come, and years take wing,
 Till we all are silver grays,
 And still the Beta boys will sing
 The songs of Beta days.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The first piece of music dedicated to or named after the fraternity was the "Beta Waltz," by Mrs. Kate Hunter, wife of Alexander Hunter of the Hanover chapter, and residing at Louisville. It is a pretty, melodious piece of four pages, written in the key of B flat. The lithographed cover displays a rustic arch, from the top of which the badge is hung, over a knot of ribbon and a star. Underneath is the title, "Beta | Waltz | Composed and Respectfully Dedicated to the | Beta Theta Pi | by | Mrs. Kate Hunter | Louisville." It was copyrighted in 1856 and the authoress was thanked by the convention for her graceful dedication of the music to the fraternity.

Of the remaining instrumental pieces dedicated to the fraternity, the "Beta Theta Pi Waltzes," by James C. Macy, and published in 1878 by S. Brainard's Sons, of Cleveland, Ohio, is probably the best known. It displays a highly illuminated cover in red, black and gold, with the name "Beta Theta Pi" at the top in large ornamental type; in the center is a gilt panel, enclosing the illustrations used by © chapter in the cata-

logue of 1881. The music consists of six large pages, and is a pleasing refrain.

Another piece of dance music is the "Students' Galop" by Miss Katie Randolph Sheets, of Indianapolis. It was dedicated to the fraternity, and first published in 1877, by Wm. A. Pond & Co., of New York, but this firm discontinued its issue in 1881, or 1882, and we do not now know where it can be obtained.

A third piece is a march by Karl Ruger published by Lyon & Healy and dedicated to the Virginia chapter.

A fourth piece is the "B @ II March" by Louis A. Rutger, dedicated to the Omicron chapter and published in 1897 by Otto Sutro & Co., of Baltimore.

Two pieces of instrumental music are by members of the fraternity, one the "Grande Marche de Wooglin," by C. E. Haworth, Colgate, '82, published by the Chicago Music Company in 1889, and another, the "B @ II Two-step," by Norton Dodge, Northwestern, '97, and dedicated to the Cornell chapter.



JOHN HOGARTH LOZIER, *De Pauw*, '57, Author of the Legend of Wooglin; HORACE GILLETTE LOZIER, *Chicago*, '94, Editor of the Fraternity Song Book, 1902, 1907 and 1912

"Beta sons of Beta sires
Shall guard forever our altar fires."



CHAPTER XIX

THE INSIGNIA OF BETA THETA PI

BY GEORGE MOSELEY CHANDLER

The minutes of the first recorded meeting of the Alpha of Beta Theta Pi, held August 8, 1839, contain a description of the Beta badge. So it can be said that the fraternity has always possessed all the insignia necessary. This was the gold badge without any enamel, the devices and border being raised in relief against a stippled background. The sides were straight and the badge bore a crescent. The first thought was to have clasped hands in place of the crescent, but no badges bearing this symbol were ever made. On the reverse of the crescent badge was engraved the owner's name and a heart transfixd by an arrow. This badge was designed by Samuel Taylor Marshall and made by Carley of Cincinnati.

The only other fraternity our founders knew was Alpha Delta Phi and since several of them had been asked to join it, it was natural that the new



MARSHALL BADGE
OF 1839



REVERSE OF
MARSHALL BADGE

society should be in its external features something like the older one. A three-lettered name was selected, two Greek letters each of two syllables followed by one of a single syllable. The badge likewise followed that of the rival organization. The old Alpha Delta Phi badge was a straight-sided oblong of black enamel with rounded corners, bearing a green star held in the horns of a white crescent which bore the three letters. Below was the date of foundation, 1832, in gold. Marshall took the same oblong and turned the quarter circles at the corners inward. For the single large green star he substituted three smaller gold ones, and he used a small gold crescent in place of the large white one. The three letters were placed below in a straight line and the Arabic date was improved upon by writing it in the Greek notation, αωλθ.

In 1841 Alexander Paddock, Miami, 1841, improved the badge by making its surface of black enamel and replacing the crescent by the wreath and diamond. As to the crescent it might be recorded that one reason for the change was that, as borne on the Beta emblem, its horns were turned to the right as one faces the badge. Some Miami student, knowing more heraldry than his mates, or being a closer observer of the devices in the almanac, pointed out that the Beta badge bore the waning crescent, and ridicule hastened the change.

The reverse of the badge of 1841 bore clasped hands, the owner's name and the date of the foundation of his chapter. It was not until after the

Convention of 1842 that the chapter letter appeared on the back of the badge; and it was not until after the Civil War that the date of the foundation of the owner's chapter was replaced by the date of his own initiation into the fraternity. In 1847 the badge attained its final form when the four straight sides were curved inward. This change was made by Major W. C. Ransom,



PADDACK BADGE
OF 1841



RANSOM BADGE
OF 1847



KIRBY BADGE
OF 1855

Michigan, '48, and the badge was made under the direction of A. P. Carpenter, Williams, '49, by Kirby of New Haven, Connecticut.

From time to time changes in size and curvature were made to suit the fancies of maker or wearer. In 1878 an attempt at standardization was made by the adoption by the Convention of a particular badge; but this action seems to have had little effect on uniformity. This badge had been made



BADGE OF 1865

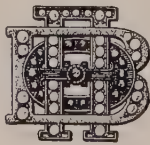


NEWMAN BADGE
OF 1878



MILES BADGE
OF 1880

under the supervision of Major Ransom by John F. Newman of New York. It is interesting to note that in connection with this standard badge the General Treasurer, O. R. Brouse, De Pauw, '66, in his report to the Convention of 1879 outlined and had adopted the same scheme which the fraternity now so successfully employs, that of having one jeweler, all badges to be purchased of him with a commission for the fraternity.



VARYING BADGE TYPES

The Convention of 1880 substituted for the Newman badge one made, under the direction of Charles J. Seaman, Denison, '71, by P. L. Miles of Cleveland. In 1880 the commission scheme was dropped. Badges were made by various jewelers, of varying size, jeweled and plain-bordered, until literally no two in any chapter were alike. The Convention of 1899 sought

after uniformity by adopting as standard a badge made under G. M. Chandler's direction by Roehm & Son of Detroit. This badge was popular and very generally worn.

Up to this time all the badges adopted had been actual badges and when other jewelers sought to make them they had to copy the badge as closely as they desired or as their skill would permit.

The fraternity was not satisfied with this arrangement and the Convention of 1907 directed that a committee on standard badge be appointed. After



MAJOR GEORGE M. CHANDLER, *Michigan '98*

considerable investigation and work, George M. Chandler reported to the Convention of 1909 with a complete set of drawings and specifications, which included the weights and fineness of the gold and diamond together with a badge made in conformity. The report was adopted and this badge has actually as well as by law superseded all others. In 1913 a single official jeweler and a complete scheme of distribution with a commission to the fraternity was put into operation and since then all badges have been so purchased.

The Convention of 1860 authorized a watch key badge intended for use as a graduate symbol. The obverse was the regular badge but without the diamond in the wreath and on the reverse was engraved a harp and scroll,

The Convention of 1842 also authorized the use of chapter seals which displayed the chapter letter, clasped hands and three stars within a triangle. This law was also re-enacted by the Convention of 1881. Prior to the Civil War the use of these seals with wax was quite general. About this time another seal became current. It was used to emboss letter paper and consisted of the badge with a Greek chapter-letter placed sometimes above and sometimes below. Some of the old chapters still fondly retain those seals, but their use has long since entirely ceased.

Probably the next device to make its appearance after the badge and seal was the vignette. In 1846 Major Ransom had decorated the title page of



EMBOSSED SEAL
MIAMI CHAPTER



EMBOSSED SEAL
MICHIGAN CHAPTER

the minute book of the Michigan Chapter with a design evidently inspired by the triangular seal, and before the war this design, reproduced as a wood cut, headed the Beta list in Michigan's College Annual.

In 1855 the Beta "Temple" appeared as the frontispiece in the catalogue of that year. The "Allegory" was written by Judge U. T. Curran, Miami, '56.

The Convention of 1869 adopted a coat of arms designed by John I. Covington, truly heraldic but somewhat overloaded, which was to form the basis of the great seal for attesting charters. This seems never to have been used until the Convention of 1879 adopted a great seal complete, also drawn by Covington, and similar to the arms of ten years before, but rearranging and omitting some of the details, and then ruining the whole in an heraldic sense by adding things in no way related to Beta Theta Pi. When the revised Constitution and Laws were adopted in 1897, a new coat of arms recalling in a slight degree the arms of 1869 was included, and the great seal, simplified and made to conform to the arms, replaced the overloaded one of 1879. In 1915 the seal was recut but the design was unchanged.

The adoption of the dragon as one of the Beta emblems forms an interesting story. A letter from Chaplain John Hogarth Lozier, De Pauw, '57, the "High Priest of Wooglin," states that he had in mind the fabled monster as the guardian of the fraternity secrets. In 1874 an advertisement in the *Beta Theta Pi* of Beta note paper was illustrated with a griffin crest. Lozier's forgotten idea seems to have duplicated itself in the fertile brain of C. J. Seaman when he was editing the catalogue of 1881 and the spirited dragon of the Centre Chapter engraving was the result. How deeply the idea was impressed upon the fraternity is best illustrated by the fact that the engravings of the Washington and Jefferson, Brown and Iowa chapters also displayed the same animal. All of these dragons were faulty in that they bore feather wings. The cover of the fraternity magazine of 1883 bore a

dragon with true bat wings but without any hind legs; this creature is called a wyvern. The song book of 1884 displayed the Centre dragon holding a Beta badge and this device was also used on the magazine cover of 1886. The coat of arms of 1897 displayed the dragon as the crest in his true form, seated, calmly defiant, defending his own.

The colors of the fraternity are light shades of pink and blue, having been adopted by the Convention of 1879, after being in use by some of the chapters for several years. W. E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan, '77, was their earnest advocate before the Convention.

In 1889 at the semi-centennial anniversary of the fraternity at Miami, the rose was adopted as the fraternity flower. This was a result of a suggestion made by Dean Leila McKee of Western College, Oxford, Ohio.



THE CENTRE DRAGON
OF 1881



THE BETA DRAGON

The fraternity flag has also undergone a change, Covington's design of 1890 being overhauled in 1902 by making the white line inside the border into a white stripe and substituting for the red rose, which refused to harmonize with the blue field, the dragon crest in red, which has no quarrel with the white stripe in the middle of the flag. The three white stars still remain on the blue stripes, and the flag is pleasing as well as correct from an heraldic standpoint.

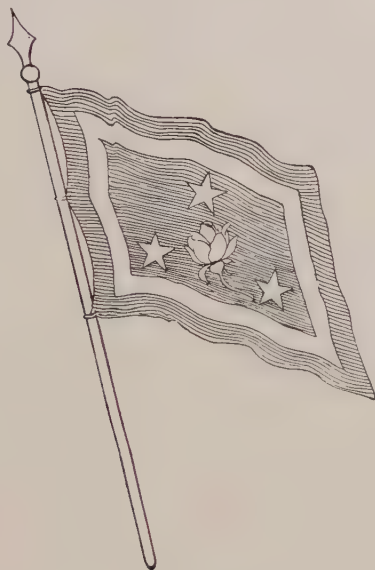
The pledge button, although the latest of our devices, has come in for its share of the changes. Making its appearance in 1894 as an eight-sided shield of pink and blue enamels, displaying the three letters, it finished its development in 1899 as a white button with three gold stars.



About this time the shingle appeared in the Cornell chapter. It was devised by Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98, then doing graduate work at Ithaca. It displayed the member's name and class in old English, with the fraternity arms above, and below a chapter seal bearing the badge. It rapidly grew in favor among the chapters, the same design being followed. The

Convention of 1913 directed the chapters to supply all their members with shingles and changed the design a trifle by omitting the member's class and adding the date of his initiation, and by removing the badge from the seal and substituting the old chapter seal of 1842, the triangle, three stars, clasped hands and chapter letter. This device is uniformly framed in a narrow black frame and is inconspicuously displayed in the member's room.

The Convention of 1873, in appointing the committee which was to prepare the catalogue which finally appeared in 1881, directed that each chapter list should be preceded by a chapter coat of arms, and called upon the several chapters to send in their designs and mottoes. The many engravings in that catalogue varied much in excellence, many of them exhibiting a good deal of merit. Most of them were allegorical pictures, but a few displayed well designed coats of arms.



COVINGTON FLAG OF 1890



CHANDLER FLAG OF 1902

When the Beta coat of arms was devised in 1897 it was the intention later to delve into the traditions of each of our chapters and colleges, with a view to getting something typical of each to charge on the first quarter of the fraternity arms, thereby making an appropriate coat of arms for each chapter.

The idea lay dormant until the spring of 1909, when the Michigan chapter appealed to the Board of Trustees to sanction the arms which it had adopted based on this scheme. The board, not having any authority under the law, sought such, and the Convention of 1909 accordingly legislated that a chapter with the approval of the Board of Trustees might adopt a coat of arms.

By placing the matter in the care of the Board of Trustees the Convention indicated its desire that no design should be used by any chapter which failed to conform to recognize principles of heraldry. To assure this the Board arranged for securing expert advice.

The Board under this law granted the request of the Michigan chapter for a coat of arms. This consists of the fraternity arms, the first quarter of which bears the University arms, which displays the lamp of knowledge upon two books. The crest, of course, remains the same, but the motto is changed to one beginning with the chapter letter. Lambda, the Greek words translated "a lamp unto my feet," being a portion of the 105th verse of the CXIXth Psalm, the Septuagint version. This was the first of the chapter arms. Devices for all the chapters were gradually worked out, and by the spring of 1914 each chapter with the sanction of the Board had adopted and



GREAT SEAL OF 1879



GREAT SEAL OF 1897

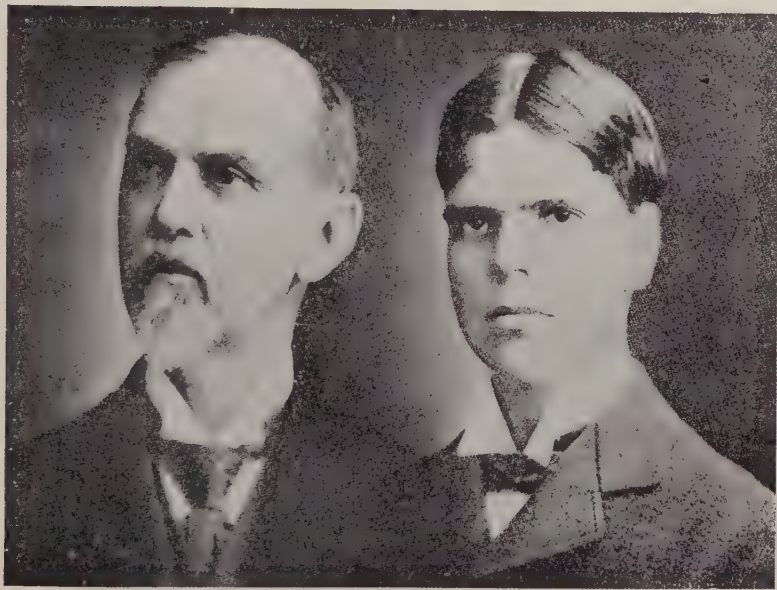
was using its own coat of arms. New chapters are at once provided with proper devices, and a scheme has been put into operation whereby each chapter will shortly possess a copy of its arms done on vellum with permanent colors and real metals by C. L. Ricketts, Ohio, '84, of Chicago, the American authority on mediæval manuscripts.

The first ten of our chapters are perfectly provided with arms in accord with the ancient rule of heraldry. The Miami chapter, of course, bears the arms of Beta Theta Pi unchanged save for the motto, which now begins with "Alpha." The next nine chapters bear the fraternity arms "differenced," as the laws of English heraldry provide, for the nine sons in a family. By differencing is meant charging the Marks of Cadency or the Marks of Difference, sometimes called Brisures, upon the upper part of the shield, thereby indicating to which branch of a family its bearer belongs.

The first of these marks of cadency is the Label or File, therefore Cincinnati bears the Beta arms differenced by a label, a sort of three-pronged rake, with crest unchanged but with the motto beginning with "Beta Nu." Western Reserve, the second branch, differences by a crescent and shows a motto beginning with "Beta"; Ohio, the third, displays in chief a mullet, or star, and a "Beta Kappa" motto; Transylvania, though long dead, has not lost its right to the device of the fourth of the house and bears a martlet; Washington and Jefferson bears, in the right of old Jefferson, the fifth branch, an annulet, and its motto begins with "Gamma"; the sixth, Harvard,

displays a fleur-de-lys with an "Eta" motto; Princeton, the seventh, is indicated by a rose; the eighth, De Pauw, is distinguished by a cross moline and a "Delta" motto; and Indiana, the ninth, is marked with a double quatrefoil and a motto whose initial letter is "Pi." As English heraldry did not suppose a man to rejoice in more than nine sons, Michigan, the tenth branch, had to seek its blazon elsewhere.

Diligent search has been made for a device to charge on the first quarter which would be suitable for each chapter. The college and state seals have



EDWARD BRUCE CHANDLER, *Michigan*, '58, Trustee of the Fraternity, 1894-1897

GEORGE MOSELEY CHANDLER, *Michigan*, '98, Trustee of the Fraternity, 1912-1918

"And thus from cherished sire to son
The links of our bond fraternal run."

been studied, the history of the institution and of the chapter has been investigated, the heraldic bearings of the founder of the colony or state, of the founder or benefactor of the college, of the founder or perhaps most prominent member of the chapter, have been looked up in order that the most appropriate charge might be found. In many cases an excellent symbol was readily apparent. In others selection was difficult and in still others the choice seemed to lie between several excellent devices.

The arms of the Amherst chapter show the origin of the chapter, for the first quarter displays the old Torch and Crown of the local society. Beloit, grounded in the sturdy Presbyterian-Congregational tradition and having the Saltire or Chi cross for a chapter letter, adopts a St. Andrew's Cross. Bethany displays the bow from the college seal and recalls the relation of bow to string and college to chapter, "useless each without the other." Bowdoin, recalling her college seal and the fact that she is in the easternmost

state, uses the "sun in splendor." Brown obviously takes the ever-present symbol of the state wherein she is located, the Anchor of Hope.

California could scarcely avoid the setting sun sinking into the western ocean and lighting with its closing eye Omega's home. The chapter at Los Angeles took the California grizzly bear from the flag of the "California Republic." Carnegie naturally has the thistle recalling the land of Andrew Carnegie's birth. Case has the globe of science from the institution's seal. Centre harks back to its proud dragon from the catalogue of 1881. Chicago obviously displays a phoenix, because not only its city rose from its ashes but university and chapter were both likewise born again. Colgate, in choosing her device, resorts to the ancient expedient of "canting heraldry" and enjoy-



THE BETA TEMPLE
(Original Drawing)

ing the play upon the word "gate" displays a portcullis. Colorado takes the three mountains which the state arms display. Colorado College, the flaming comet of the local society. Colorado Mines, the crossed pick, sledge, drill and candle of the mining engineer which the institution's seal shows. Columbia, proud of her origin and old name "King's" has chosen the crown of King George II, and Cornell from her perch "far above Cayuga's waters," displays an eagle.

Dartmouth uses the device of the earl of Dartmouth, a stag's head, Davidson goes to the college arms for a sword transfixing a coiled rattlesnake; Denison, in defiance of Dr. Shepardson's protest, displays a shepherd's crook; Denver, the fasces from the state seal; and Dickinson shows a demilion rampant, the crest of John Dickinson, framer of the Constitution and patron of learning for whom the college was named. Georgia Tech bears an anvil from the seal of the school. Hanover bears the three-leaved clover of the old kingdom whose name it has. Idaho displays a sword point up-

wards. Illinois uses the conventionalized Beta rose; Iowa takes the head of the state bird, the hawk; and Iowa State, the three-headed serpent of the local society. Johns Hopkins displays the cross from Lord Baltimore's arms, which are also used by the university.

Kansas uses her state emblem, a sunflower; Kansas State, the device of the local society, a sphinx head. Kenyon as an Episcopal college recalls the fact that the second name on the chapter's roll is that of a Bishop of Michigan, and charges with a bishop's mitre. Knox displays the torch of knowledge from the college seal; Lehigh, the book, heart and sun from the college arms.

Maine displays her historic pine tree; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the altar from the institution's seal. Minnesota uses a sheaf of wheat, Mississippi, a sprig of magnolia, the state flower, and Missouri, the six Ionic Columns, all of the old building which the fire left standing and about whose bases the campus life clusters. Nebraska, in accord with the state tradition, shows an ear of corn; North Carolina, the cornucopia or horn of plenty from the arms of the state; North Dakota, a bow and three arrows from the seal of the state; and Northwestern, the symbol of strength, an oak sprig.

Ohio State uses the pyramid from the university seal; Ohio Wesleyan, the urn from the fraternity catalogue of 1881; Oklahoma, the war-bonneted head of the noble red man; Oklahoma State, a wigwam the shelter of the Indian; Oregon, a battle-ax and Oregon State, a dragon's head holding in its mouth a hand, the heraldic device of the family of Captain Meriwether Lewis of the Oregon trail.

Pennsylvania takes her well-known pile of books, and Pennsylvania State, the keystone with the three rondels of William Penn. Purdue shows the gear wheel of the college seal. Rutgers displays the old Alpha Sigma Chi monogram badge, surrounded by the Beta wreath.

St. Lawrence recalls the founders of the chapter, "the Five Liars," and displays their old five lyres; South Dakota, the coyote of the state. Stanford shows its familiar memorial arch, and Stevens, at Brother Baird's insistence, after he had forbidden the use of his own arms, uses the castellated gateway of the old Stevens Castle Point estate. Syracuse takes the device of the ancient Sicilian city of that name, a dolphin, the king of fishes.

Texas charges with the device of her state, the lone star; Toronto, as our first Canadian chapter, uses the badge of our great northern neighbor, the maple leaf; and Tulane adopts a "pelican in her piety," the seal of the state of Louisiana. Union takes from her college seal the serpent involved or with his tail in his mouth, the symbol of eternity, and Utah, the state device, the bee hive. Vanderbilt displays a warrior's helmet, and Virginia, the device of the man whose tombstone says nothing of his being twice president of the United States but records the fact that he was the father of the University of Virginia, the fret of Thomas Jefferson.

Wabash displays the unfolded scroll from the college seal, Washington, Missouri, the badge of the local society, a hatchet and a sprig of cherry. The University of Washington, having in mind Seattle's claim as the gateway of the North Pacific, displays the device of the ruler of the sea, Neptune's trident. Washington and Lee uses a squirrel, the crest of the Lee family. Washington State has a raven rising out of a coronet, the crest of the Washington family. Wesleyan uses the seven-pointed mystic star; Westminster

forgets the sword of border warfare, and bears the mightier emblem of the classical college, a quill pen. West Virginia, in the little mountain state, takes the mountain from the state and college seals. Whitman displays a tomahawk, the actual tomahawk with which Dr. Marcus Whitman was slain. Williams uses the arm and hand grasping the broad sword, the crest of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and Wisconsin, the badger, the device of its state. Wittenberg shows possibly the most picturesque device of all the chapters, the Gothic doorway of the old castle church at Wittenberg with Luther's scrolls on which were written the ninety-five theses nailed to the doors. Yale displays her university arms, the open book.

MOTTOES ON CHAPTER ARMS

Selected with a few exceptions by JOHN CALVIN HANNA, Wooster '81

Amherst—Let us go forward steadily.
 Beloit—Uprightness.
 Bethany—Things of the spirit.
 Bowdoin—Steadfast in wisdom.
 Brown—Staunch.
 California—Daughter of the ocean.
 California (at Los Angeles)—Shrine of wisdom.
 Carnegie—Honor the upright.
 Case—The round earth is an ordered creation.
 Central—Manliness.
 Chicago—Perseverance is power.
 Cincinnati—The new branch.
 Colgate—We choose to serve.
 Colorado—Three kings.
 Colorado College—Bound together in highmindedness.
 Colorado Mines—Material things are weighty.
 Columbia—A king our founder.
 Cornell—Power from the republic.
 Dartmouth—A steady look.
 Davidson—Wisdom flourishes.
 Denison—The best for us.
 Denver—We seek the height.
 De Pauw—Fortunate.
 Dickinson—I point out a man.
 Georgia Tech.—Learn to lead.
 Hanover—Straight ahead.
 Idaho—Treasure of the hills.
 Illinois—The seal of the rose.
 Indiana—Queenly.
 Iowa—Ever watchful.
 Iowa State—Triply wise.
 Johns Hopkins—Christ our defense.
 Kansas—The flower of the herdsmen.
 Kansas State—The glory of husbandry.
 Kenyon—The sacred altar.
 Knox—Sword in hand.
 Lehigh—Wealth in books.
 Maine—We look to the dawn.
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology—We sing the altar.
 Miami—Lasting for an age.
 Michigan—A lamp unto my feet.
 Minnesota—The north shall increase.
 Mississippi—Counsellor of life.
 Missouri—Friendly rivalry.
 Nebraska—The harvest nourishes.
 North Carolina—A leader.
 North Dakota—Profit by stillness.

Northwestern—Strength.
 Ohio—Fountain of life.
 Ohio State—The spirit conquers.
 Ohio Wesleyan—Justice.
 Oklahoma—Know friendship.
 Oklahoma State—We seek wisdom.
 Oregon—We guard with the weapon.
 Oregon State—True and constant.
 Pennsylvania—Brotherly love.
 Pennsylvania State—The summit of the arch.
 Purdue—Machinery is king.
 Rutgers—A royal marriage.
 St. Lawrence—The bond of the lyres.
 South Dakota—Exulting in brotherhood.
 Stanford—Reason points the way.
 Stevens—Self control.
 Syracuse—Let us proclaim the good news.
 Texas—We look toward heaven.
 Toronto—The living branch.
 Tulane—Counsel of hospitality.
 Union—Youth.
 Utah—The land teems with plenty.
 Vanderbilt—A grim crest.
 Virginia—Of one family.
 Wabash—Endure.
 Washington University—Strong through truth.
 Washington State—The heart of good men.
 University of Washington—Threshold of the ocean.
 Washington and Jefferson—Peace.
 Washington and Lee—By virtue strengthened.
 Wesleyan—Learning our prize.
 Western Reserve—The best.
 Westminster—The immortal bond.
 West Virginia—The soul shall live.
 Whitman—The devoted ones are vigilant.
 Williams—Bound together.
 Wisconsin—We wear the diamond.
 Wittenberg—Conscience a necessity.
 Yale—Brothers in good will.



THE ARMS OF BETA THETA PI



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Justice of the United States Supreme Court

CHAPTER XX

BETAS OF ACHIEVEMENT



"Nothing can be of more effective value to an organization than its list of great men. It is a constant source of inspiration to all loyal members. Nor is this all. It emphasizes, as nothing else can, the broad difference between a permanent fraternity and a mere temporary club. The idea of permanence comes to be felt, and its recognition is of immense practical value. Every member is made to realize his individual responsibility; to feel that he has a duty to perform, a reputation to maintain."—Albert H. Washburn, Cornell, '89, Minister from the United States to Austria.



In a volume of 372 pages, published by the fraternity in 1914 under the editorship of William Raimond Baird, an astonishing showing was made of the number of "Betas of Achievement," as the book was named. The lists which follow classify, according to fields of endeavor, some of these members who have won distinction. In a striking passage, Baird once wrote:

"The membership of the fraternity is of course varied, and made up of many diverse elements. When the matter is considered, it is certainly remarkable that a fraternity which, down to the year 1870 at least, was in the main confined to relatively small institutions, should have acquired a membership containing more prominent men in many walks of life in which the comparison may be made than Harvard University, with all its years of history and set in the center of a homogeneous, knowledge-loving people."

In a study of fraternity membership both honorary and double memberships must be considered. If by the term "honorary" members is meant persons who acquired membership in the fraternity while they were not undergraduate students at college, we have a few of them, but if by the term is meant persons elected to membership by reason of their preëminence in the public eye, and for the luster their reputation, already gained, might add to the fraternity's renown, then we have none at all.

In the early days, when fraternities were struggling to gain a foothold, the opposition of college faculties to secret societies led to the initiation of college tutors, professors or trustees, whose influence might and frequently did mitigate the force of this opposition. Among men so initiated were William Clarke Larrabee and Cyrus Nutt, of De Pauw; Henry L. Hitchcock and George E. Pierce, of Western Reserve; Daniel Kirkwood, of Indiana; Thaddeus A. Reamy, of Ohio Wesleyan; James C. Watson and DeVolson Wood, of Michigan; and while, perhaps, many of them never acquired that deep interest in the fraternity which they might have manifested had they been Betas while undergraduates, yet there were others like Dr. Reamy who by their fidelity won a place in the hearts of all the brotherhood.

In the early days of the fraternity, as the previous pages show, our membership was not of necessity confined to college students, and until the fraternity system developed and its general practices became limited by custom, it was not uncommon for young men of promise, residents of a place wherein a chapter was located, or intimately associated with the Betas, to be received into a chapter. Schuyler Colfax was a prominent instance of such a member, and a better Beta was never known.

The fraternity at times has received into its fold chapters of other fraternities, or societies of local origin, never, let it be said, with a taint of disloyalty or dishonor attaching to such a transaction. In all such cases permission has been freely accorded to bring into Beta membership such of the alumni or members of the former organization as desired to come. It has always been the opinion that it would be unfair for Beta Theta Pi to secure the benefit of all the work done in previous years by such members, without affording them an opportunity of continuing their former relations.

Upon the disintegration of $\mathbf{K} \Phi \Lambda$, its Denison chapter entered $\mathbf{B} \Theta \Pi$. The Brown chapter of $\Phi \mathbf{K} \Lambda$, the Mississippi chapter of $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{K} \Phi$, the Missouri chapter of $\mathbf{Z} \Phi$, the Dartmouth chapter of $\Sigma \Delta \Pi$, and all of the living chapters of $\mathbf{A} \Sigma \mathbf{X}$, and the Mystical Seven and many local societies have joined the



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fraternity. Each one of these when it entered Beta Theta Pi acquired the right of bringing in its alumni, which right it has freely exercised. Some of the most active and enthusiastic men in the fraternity today have been received in this way. Occasionally the alumni of such societies have not availed themselves of the privilege of membership, but in the large majority of cases they have been happy over the change of affiliation and have become earnest and helpful Betas. Members so acquired have not been regarded as honorary members, nor have they so considered themselves.

Double memberships used to be quite common. In the earlier days when Beta Theta Pi was almost wholly a western organization its members often would leave colleges where they were initiated and go to eastern colleges where there were no Beta chapters to continue their studies. While such migrations were not so common as in modern days, they were not infrequent. Many such Betas having experienced the benefits derived from fraternity

membership, and being sought by the fraternity chapters in their new college homes, and thinking that chapters of their own fraternity could not or would not ever be established in such places, became members of the eastern fraternities with no thought of disloyalty toward Beta Theta Pi. In some cases there was definite understanding on the part of the individual and the organization that former membership was not to be relinquished. The practice was forbidden by our constitution, but it was also felt that "circumstances alter cases," and it was winked at; accordingly there are on our rolls today members of $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$, ΨY , $\Delta \Phi$, $X \Psi$, and perhaps other fraternities whose standing in $B \Theta \Pi$ no one questions. Some members of these and other eastern fraternities were acquired by emigration in the reverse direction, eastern society members finding it to their advantage to join $B \Theta \Pi$ when moving west. Again Betas who became professors in eastern colleges at times were elected honorary members of the eastern fraternities, without harm to either organization. There were, unhappily, cases where there was direct and intentional disloyalty, which was promptly met by expulsion from the fraternity. These, however, were very rare.

Since the fraternity has become national in its chapter distribution and can afford in its eastern chapters a fraternal home to western Betas, and in its western chapters a home to eastern Betas, there, is, of course, no longer justification for double membership. The superiority complex of certain eastern fraternities, long freely advertised by them, has ceased to be appealing in a day of wider migration, general knowledge and interfraternity fellowship, so that a change of membership now would quickly be visited by proper penalties; but the former situation is accountable for perplexing questions of allegiance, which lose their vexatious character when the circumstances are understood. It also is to be noted that other fraternities had exactly the same experience, some prominent public men being claimed by as many as three fraternities.

The classification of the membership is to be recognized as more or less experimental. Omissions are due to lack of knowledge. Quite probably names are left out which should have place, but between lack of information and inability to keep pace with the advancing records of Betas in an era of swift changes, mistakes of omission are inevitable.

Being in its early years confined to institutions in the central, western and southern states, where the careers open to ambitious youth were either in law and politics or in the church, it is natural that the more eminent members of Beta Theta Pi should be found in these walks of life.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

I. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Commencing with the officials of the general government, the fraternity has never been fortunate enough to claim the allegiance of an occupant of the Presidential chair, although since 1868 there has hardly been a campaign in which one or more of its members has not been named as a potential candidate.

We begin our roll, then, by the mention of the

Vice-President of the United States

Schuyler Colfax, De Pauw, '44.

B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '46, was the nominee of the Democrats and Liberal Republicans on the ticket with Horace Greeley when the latter ran for the presidency and was defeated. Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85, was nominated for Vice-President by the Republican National Convention of 1924, but declined to accept the position on the ticket.

But few Betas have held bureau or cabinet appointments, but the following with some other officers of the general government deserve notice:

Cabinet and Other Federal Officers

James Harlan, De Pauw, '45, Secretary of the Interior.
 John W. Noble, Miami, '51, Secretary of the Interior.
 David R. Francis, Washington, '70, Secretary of the Interior.
 William M. Jardine, Kansas State, '04, Secretary of Agriculture.
 William F. Whiting, Amherst '86, Secretary of Commerce.
 Robert R. Hitt, De Pauw, '55, Assistant Secretary of State.
 Webster W. Davis, Kansas, '88, Assistant Secretary of the Interior.
 Melville W. Miller, De Pauw, '78, Assistant Secretary of the Interior.
 Henry R. Harris, Emory, '47, Third Assistant Postmaster General.
 Bo (Beauregard) Sweeney, Cumberland, '88, Assistant Secretary of the Interior.
 William E. Fuller, Iowa, '70, Assistant Attorney General.
 Frank Davis, Amherst '98, Assistant Attorney General.
 Willis Van Devanter, De Pauw, '81, Assistant Attorney General.
 Stanley K. Hornbeck, Colorado '93, Chief of Division Far Eastern Affairs, State Department.
 Halbert E. Paine, Western Reserve, '45, Commissioner of Patents.
 Benton J. Hall, Miami, '55, Commissioner of Patents.
 Albert G. Porter, De Pauw, '44, Comptroller of the Treasury.
 John W. Yerkes, Centre, '73, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
 Thomas C. Mendenhall, Western Reserve, '61, Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.
 Charles H. Treat, Dartmouth, Treasurer of the United States.
 Delos P. Phelps, Monmouth, '62, Assistant Treasurer of the United States.
 Thomas H. MacDonald, Iowa State, '04, Chief of the Bureau of Highways, Department of Agriculture.
 Clyde W. Warburton, Iowa State '02, Director of Extension Work, Department of Agriculture.
 Augustus T. Seymour, Denison, '96, Assistant to the Attorney General.
 James Maxwell Fassett, Colgate '18, Assistant to the Attorney General.

Ambassadors and Ministers

David R. Francis, Washington, '70, Ambassador to Russia.
 Enoch H. Crowder, Missouri, '87, Ambassador to Cuba.
 Dwight W. Morrow, Amherst '95, Ambassador to Mexico.
 Albert G. Porter, De Pauw, '44, Minister to Italy.
 Edwin H. Terrell, De Pauw, '71, Minister to Belgium.
 Rufus Magee, Indiana, '64, Minister to Norway and Sweden.
 Will Cumback, De Pauw, '53, Minister to Portugal.
 William T. Coggeshall, Ohio, '59, Minister to Ecuador.
 Henry S. Boutell, Northwestern, '74, Minister to Switzerland.
 Enoch H. Crowder, Missouri, '87, Minister to Chile.
 Albert H. Washburn, Cornell, '89, Minister to Austria.
 James F. Stutesman, Wabash, '84, Minister to Bolivia.
 Oliver P. Morton, Miami, '45, was nominated as Minister to England and John C. Zachos, Cincinnati, '40, Minister to Greece, but each declined the appointment.
 Aimaro Sato, De Pauw, '87, was Japanese Minister to Mexico, was chief of staff of the Japanese Peace Commission at the Treaty of Portsmouth, and, later, was Ambassador from Japan to the United States.

In addition, Humphrey Marshall was the first Envoy to China in 1852; B. P. Chenoweth, De Pauw, '60, was U. S. Consul at the important post of

Canton; J. G. Edgar, Jefferson, '47, at Beirut, Syria; Orland H. Baker, De Pauw, '58, at Copenhagen, Denmark, Sidney, New South Wales, and Sandakan, North Borneo; M. J. Lynch, De Pauw, '51, at Dublin, Ireland; George B. Clark, Centre, '78, at San Luis Potosi, Mexico; Thomas T. Crittenden, Centre, '55, at Mexico; John M. Morton, Miami, '68, at Honolulu; Samuel R. Millar, Virginia, '91, at Leipsic; John M. Birch, Washington and Jefferson, '72, at Nagasaki; while Zachary T. Sweeney, De Pauw, '71, has been Consul General at Constantinople; Samuel Merrill, Wabash, '51, at Calcutta; William A. Brown, De Pauw, '72, at Nicaragua; Madden Summers, Vanderbilt, '99, at Belgrade, Santos, Brazil, and Moscow; Ellanson C. Moore, Missouri, '75, at Mexico; Oscar F. Williams, Syracuse, '69, was the last U. S. Consul at Manila under the Spanish rule and later Consul General at Singapore; William H. Corwin, Miami, '49, was Secretary of Legation to Mexico and Robert R. Hitt, De Pauw, '55, to France. John Ker Davis, Wooster '04, is first Secretary of Legation to China.

A host of minor officials might be mentioned, who have served the government in civil positions, as United States district attorneys, department clerks, collectors of customs, treasury agents, clerks in the departments, and the like, but space will not permit it.

II. JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

The fraternity has been distinguished by having had seven members of the Supreme Court of the United States, often and justly termed the most august tribunal in the world, for some years four of the nine sitting justices being Betas. Since November 29, 1877, when Justice Harlan was appointed there has been no time when there was not at least one Beta member of this Court and during that fifty-three year period the combined service was ninety-eight years.

Supreme Court of the United States

John M. Harlan, Centre, '50.
 William B. Woods, Western Reserve, '42.
 Stanley Matthews, Cincinnati, '42.
 David J. Brewer, Wesleyan, '53.
 Horace H. Lurton, Cumberland, '67.
 Joseph R. Lamar, Bethany, '77, Washington and Lee, '78.
 Willis Van De Vanter, De Pauw, '81.

All of these, with the exception of Mr. Justice Brewer, came into the fraternity as undergraduates, and did yeoman work in its upbuilding, Mr. Justice Lamar serving as General Secretary. The careful records of the first Cincinnati chapter, in the painstaking script of Stanley Matthews, are among our most precious relics. Matthews, Woods, and Harlan, were all ardent Beta workers, and the letters of each of them, written as undergraduates, attest an interest which, though dormant at times in the presence of weightier duties, ever kindled into flame at the call of necessity. Mr. Brewer came from the parent chapter of the old Mystical Seven, a true brother and peer of his fellow Beta justices.

United States Courts

Andrew M. J. Cochran, Centre, '73, Circuit Judge, Kentucky.
 Horace H. Lurton, Cumberland, '67, Circuit Judge, Tennessee.
 Peter S. Grosscup, Wittenberg, '72, Circuit Judge, Illinois.

David J. Brewer, Wesleyan, '55, Circuit Judge, *Kansas*.
 Willis Van De Vanter, De Pauw, '81, Circuit Judge, *Wyoming*.
 John W. Showalter, Ohio, '63, Circuit Judge, *Illinois*.
 Kimbrough Stone, Missouri, '95, Circuit Judge, *Missouri*.
 Smith Hickenlooper, Cincinnati '01, Circuit Judge, *Ohio*.
 Robert E. Lewis, Westminster, '80, Circuit Judge, *Colorado*.
 John H. Cotteral, Michigan, '87, Circuit Judge, *Oklahoma*.
 Alonzo J. Edgerton, Wesleyan, '50, District Judge, *South Dakota*.
 Henry S. Priest, Westminster, '72, District Judge, *Missouri*.
 James H. Beatty, Ohio Wesleyan, '58, District Judge, *Idaho*.
 Oliver P. Shiras, Ohio, '53, District Judge, *Iowa*.
 E. Allen Cox, Vanderbilt '09, District Judge, *Mississippi*.
 Xenophon Z. Hicks, Cumberland '92, District Judge, *Tennessee*.
 Walker T. Gunter, Missouri, '90, District Judge, *Utah*.
 William M. Springer, De Pauw, '58, District Judge, *Indian Territory*.
 Hosea Townsend, Western Reserve, '64, District Judge, *Indian Territory*.
 John W. Peck, Miami, '95, District Judge, *Ohio*.

Confederate States Court

Thomas Jefferson Devine, Transylvania, '45, District Judge, *Texas*.

In addition James Harlan, De Pauw, '45, was Chief Justice of the Court of Claims arising out of the Geneva Award against Great Britain. Wilbur F. Stone, Indiana, '57, was judge of the Court of Private Land Claims and James Wilson McDill, Miami, '53, was a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

III. LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

In the United States Senate the fraternity has been honored by some exceptionally distinguished leaders.

United States Senators

Newton Booth, De Pauw, '46, *Indiana*.
 William E. Borah, Kansas, '89, *Idaho*.
 B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '46, *Missouri*.
 Norris Brown, Iowa, '83, *Nebraska*.
 Joseph R. Burton, Hanover, '73, *Kansas*.
 Alonzo J. Edgerton, Wesleyan, '50, *Minnesota*.
 John B. Gordon, Georgia, '53, *Georgia*.
 James Harlan, De Pauw, '45, *Iowa*.
 Martin N. Johnson, Iowa, '73, *North Dakota*.
 Robert M. LaFollette, Wisconsin, '17, *Wisconsin*.
 Milton S. Latham, Washington-Jefferson, '43, *California*.
 James W. McDill, Miami, '53, *Iowa*.
 Joseph E. McDonald, Indiana, '49, *Indiana*.
 William H. McMaster, Beloit, '99, *South Dakota*.
 Stanley Matthews, Cincinnati, '42, *Ohio*.
 Dwight W. Morrow, Amherst, '95, *New Jersey*.
 Oliver P. Morton, Miami, '45, *Indiana*.
 Boies Penrose, Harvard, '81, *Pennsylvania*.
 Matthew S. Quay, Washington-Jefferson, '50, *Pennsylvania*.
 Joseph L. Rawlins, Indiana, '74, *Utah*.
 Howard Sutherland, Westminster, '89, *West Virginia*.
 Daniel W. Voorhees, De Pauw, '49, *Indiana*.
 Josiah O. Wolcott, Wesleyan, '01, *Delaware*.

In undergraduate and after life, each of these manifested his loyalty to the fraternity in many ways. Senator Gratz Brown was the president of the convention of 1885, Stanley Matthews the orator of the convention of 1873, Senators McDonald, Latham, McDill and Voorhees were among our most popular speakers, and Oliver P. Morton was one of the mainstays of the

Alpha chapter in time of need, and was the direct agent in the foundation of the Wabash, De Pauw and Indiana chapters; Senator Quay always manifested a lively interest in the fraternity, wore its badge in conspicuous position and was eager to aid its enterprises. General Gordon and Judge Edgerton came from the Mystical Seven.

It might be appropriately added here that Alonzo W. Church, Georgia, '47, served as Librarian of the Senate and that Robert E. Dixon, Emory, '50, was Secretary of the Confederate Senate. Oliver P. Morton while senator was a member of the Electoral Commission which settled the noted dispute between Hayes and Tilden in 1876-1877.

In the lower house of Congress, the fraternity has rarely lacked able representation. We note the following:

Representatives in Congress

John M. Allen, Cumberland, '69.
 A. Piatt Andrew, Wabash, '92.
 William H. Armstrong, Princeton, '47.
 George T. Barnes, Emory, '53.
 Jack Beall, Texas, '90.
 George L. Becker, Michigan, '46.
 James T. Begg, Wooster, '03.
 William T. Bell, Virginia, '66.
 Thomas W. Bennett, De Pauw, '55.
 Albert S. Berry, Miami, '56.
 Richard W. Blue, Washington-Jefferson, '64.
 Henry S. Boutell, Northwestern, '74.
 John Y. Brown, Centre, '55.
 Webster E. Brown, Wisconsin, '74.
 William D. Bynum, Indiana, '69.
 Joseph W. Byrns, Vanderbilt, '91.
 Ezekiel S. Candler, Mississippi, '81.
 Frank G. Clark, Dartmouth, '73.
 Rush Clark, Washington-Jefferson, '53.
 Isaac Clements, De Pauw, '59.
 John Coburn, Wabash, '46.
 Schuyler Colfax, De Pauw, '44.
 William S. Cowherd, Missouri, '81.
 William Ben Cravens, Missouri, '93.
 Thomas T. Crittenden, Centre, '55.
 George W. Cromer, Indiana, '82.
 Will Cumback, De Pauw, '53.
 Mark L. DeMotte, De Pauw, '53.
 Ozro J. Dodds, Miami, '61.
 Paul C. Edmunds, Virginia, '56.
 William Elliott, Virginia, '58.
 E. John Ellis, Centenary, '59.
 Scott Field, Virginia, '68.
 William E. Fuller, Iowa, '70.
 John M. Glover, Washington, '71.
 Miles T. Granger, Wesleyan, '42.
 Levi T. Griffin, Michigan, '57.
 Benton J. Hall, Miami, '55.
 John Hanna, De Pauw, '58.
 Henry R. Harris, Emory, '47.
 Patrick Henry, Mississippi, '82.
 Robert R. Hitt, De Pauw, '55.
 Henry W. Hoffman, Washington-Jefferson, '46.
 Edward E. Holland, Richmond, '79.
 Jonas G. Howard, De Pauw, '47.
 Clifford Ireland, Knox, '01.

James F. Izlar, Emory, '55.
 Martin N. Johnson, Iowa, '73.
 William M. Kinsey, Monmouth, '69.
 William F. Kopp, Iowa Wesleyan, '92.
 Charles B. Landis, Wabash, '63.
 Milton S. Latham, Washington-Jefferson, '43.
 F. Dickinson Letts, Iowa, '99.
 John J. Lentz, Wooster, '81.
 Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85.
 John W. McCormick, Ohio, '55.
 James W. McDill, Miami, '53.
 Joseph E. McDonald, Indiana, '49.
 William P. McLean, North Carolina, '49.
 Humphrey Marshall, Transylvania, '45.
 Courtland C. Matson, De Pauw, '62.
 Stanley Matthews, Cincinnati, '42.
 Ulysses Mercer, Washington-Jefferson, '42.
 Robert W. Miers, Indiana, '70.
 Andrew J. Montague, Richmond, '82.
 John S. Newberry, Michigan, '47.
 Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., Bethany, '77.
 Jeremiah E. O'Connell, Boston, '06.
 Halbert E. Paine, Western Reserve, '45.
 John M. Pattison, Ohio Wesleyan, '69.
 Timothy D. Pelton, Western Reserve, '48.
 Robert B. F. Pierce, Wabash, '66.
 Henry M. Pollard, Dartmouth, '57.
 Albert G. Porter, De Pauw, '42.
 Jacob J. Pugsley, Miami, '59.
 Joseph L. Rawlins, Indiana, '74.
 Henry A. Reeves, Michigan, '52.
 Arthur B. Rouse, Hanover, '96.
 Ira E. Rider, St. Lawrence, '88.
 Thomas L. Rubey, Missouri, '84.
 Charles F. Scott, Kansas, '81.
 Harvey D. Scott, De Pauw, '50.
 Townsend Scudder, Columbia, '88.
 John M. C. Smith, Michigan, '81.
 Bertrand H. Snell, Amherst, '94.
 William B. Spencer, Centenary, '55.
 William M. Springer, Illinois College, '58.
 William F. Stevenson, Davidson, '85.
 Howard Sutherland, Westminster, '89.
 Hosea Townsend, Western Reserve, '64.
 Henry St. George Tucker, Washington-Lee, '75.
 Daniel W. Voorhees, De Pauw, '49.
 Walter A. Watson, Hampden-Sidney, '87.
 William J. Whitthorne, Cumberland, '67.
 Joseph G. Wilson, Miami, '46.
 Charles E. Winter, Iowa Wesleyan, '92.
 John S. Wise, Virginia, '67.
 John S. Young, Centenary, '55.

And so widespread has the fraternity become that nearly every election adds to the list. It would, perhaps, be invidious to refer to the individual merits of the members upon this distinguished roll, but the services of Springer, Colfax, Voorhees, Allen and Wilson have passed into our histories as matters of elementary knowledge. Colfax was speaker of the house for a long time, and Springer chairman of many of its most important committees. One of the above list, Humphrey Marshall, also served in the Confederate Congress. In more recent years Andrew, Begg, Byrns, Montague and Snell have been conspicuous.

STATE ADMINISTRATIONS

The following members of the fraternity have served their states as governor:

Governors of States

John L. Bates, Boston, '82, *Massachusetts*.
 James A. Beaver, Washington-Jefferson, '56, *Pennsylvania*.
 Thomas W. Bennett, De Pauw, '55, *Idaho*.
 Newton Booth, De Pauw, '46, *California*.
 Emmett F. Branch, Indiana, '96, *Indiana*.
 B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '45, *Missouri*.
 John Y. Brown, Centre, '55, *Kentucky*.
 Charles H. Brough, Johns Hopkins, '96, *Arkansas*.
 Henry A. Buchtel, De Pauw, '72, *Colorado*.
 Thomas T. Crittenden, Centre, '55, *Missouri*.
 Lee Cruce, Vanderbilt, '86, *Oklahoma*.
 Samuel H. Elbert, Ohio Wesleyan, '54, *Colorado*.
 David R. Francis, Washington '70, *Missouri*.
 John B. Gordon, Georgia, '53, *Georgia*.
 William T. Haines, Maine, '76, *Maine*.
 Charles H. Hardin, Miami, '40, *Missouri*.
 Louis P. Harvey, Cincinnati, '41, *Wisconsin*.
 George Hoadly, Western Reserve, '44, *Ohio*.
 Milton S. Latham, Washington-Jefferson, '43, *California*.
 Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85, *Illinois*.
 William H. McMaster, Beloit, '99, *South Dakota*.
 Henry M. Matthews, Virginia, '56, *West Virginia*.
 Andrew J. Montague, Richmond, '82, *Virginia*.
 Oliver P. Morton, Miami, '45, *Indiana*.
 Albinas Nance, Knox, '68, *Nebraska*.
 Benjamin B. Odell, Bethany, '77, *New York*.
 John M. Pattison, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, *Ohio*.
 John G. Pollard, Richmond, '91, *Virginia*.
 Albert G. Porter, De Pauw, '44, *Indiana*.
 Edward C. Stokes, Brown, '83, *New Jersey*.
 Leon R. Taylor, Denison, '07, *New Jersey*.

Lieutenant-Governors

John L. Bates, Boston, '82, *Massachusetts*.
 Emmett F. Branch, Indiana, *Indiana*.
 Will Cumbach, De Pauw, '50, *Indiana*.
 Barnett Gibbs, Virginia, '71, *Texas*.
 Frank J. Hall, Indiana, '67, *Indiana*.
 John Marshall, Centre, '77, *Kentucky*.
 Edmund G. McGilton, Wisconsin, '83, *Nebraska*.
 Thomas L. Rubey, Missouri, '85, *Missouri*.
 Eric J. Ellefson, South Dakota, '15, *South Dakota*.
 John T. Grigsby, South Dakota, '14, *South Dakota*.

And it is not out of place in this connection to mention the following, who received the nomination for governor in their respective states, but were defeated by more fortunate competitors, viz.:

John S. Wise, Virginia, '67, *Virginia*.
 George L. Becker, Michigan, '47, *Minnesota*.
 Orlando M. Barnes, Michigan, '50, *Michigan*.
 Henry H. Trimble, Indiana, '47, *Iowa*.
 Washington I. Babb, Iowa Wesleyan, '66, *Iowa*.
 William H. West, Jefferson, '46, *Ohio*.
 John W. Yerkes, Centre, '73, *Kentucky*.
 Charles S. McRae, Harvard, '44, *Alabama*.
 William R. Pattangall, Maine, '84, *Maine*.
 Courtlandt C. Matson, De Pauw, '62, *Indiana*.
 John M. Harlan, Centre, '50, *Kentucky*, (twice, once in 1871 and again in 1875.)

All of the Beta governors have been loyal and in a real sense active members. Governor Beaver presided at many of our banquets, attended several conventions and assisted in the establishment of at least one chapter. Governor Brown, of Missouri, was president of the convention of 1885, and Governor Elbert, of Colorado, of the Denver alumni chapter. As has already been stated Governor Morton was active in founding three chapters. Governor Hoadly's name has been so frequently mentioned in connection with the fraternity's enterprises that it needs no repetition here. Governors Hardin, Crittenden and Francis each presided at many Beta gatherings, and attended many more. Governor Latham was the toastmaster at the first dinner of the New York alumni in 1880, and Governor Porter frequently delivered addresses or was a prominent actor in other public functions of the fraternity. Governors Odell, Bates and Montague were all present at one New York banquet. Governor Buchtel was a hard worker within the fraternity. Governor Pattison was an active member of the Cincinnati alumni chapter. Governor Lowden has spoken at many banquets, visited chapters all over the country, and shown his interest on every possible occasion. Two different conventions of the fraternity were honored by the presence and participation of two governors.

Here might also be mentioned Ichy Zo Hattori, Rutgers, '75, Governor of Hiogo, Japan, and Wallace R. Farrington, Maine, '91, Governor of the Territory of Hawaii.

State officials of various degrees of prominence have not been lacking upon our rolls. We note

Presiding Officers of State Assemblies

Henry P. Fowlkes, Cumberland, '68, *Tennessee House*.
 Henry S. Cauthorne, De Pauw, '48, *Indiana House*.
 Rush Clark, Jefferson, '53, *Iowa House*.
 John C. Entrekkin, Ohio Wesleyan, '67, *Ohio House*.
 Samuel H. Buskirk, Indiana, '70, *Indiana House*.
 Swingle W. Ewing, Hampden-Sidney, '69, *Tennessee Senate*.
 James M. Scovel, Hanover, '52, *New Jersey Senate*.
 John Overmeyer, De Pauw, '67, *Indiana Senate*.
 John P. Penny, Jefferson, '43, *Pennsylvania Senate*.
 Albinus Nance, Knox, '68, *Nebraska House*.
 Will Cumback, De Pauw, '50, *Indiana Senate*.
 James T. Morehead, North Carolina, '58, *North Carolina Senate*.
 Hiram O. Fairchild, Wabash, '66, *Wisconsin House*.
 James Ferdinand Izlar, Emory, '55, *South Carolina Senate*.
 George T. Barnes, Georgia, '53, *Georgia House*.
 William D. Bynum, Indiana, '59, *Indiana House*.
 William B. Woods, Western Reserve, '45, *Ohio House*.
 Franklin Fairbanks, Williams, '53, *Vermont House*.
 Joseph W. Byrnes, Vanderbilt, '91, *Tennessee House*.
 Thomas H. Clark, Howard, '77, *Alabama House*.
 Joseph B. Cummings, Georgia, '54, *Georgia House*.
 William H. Chambers, Emory, '45, *Alabama House*.
 William F. Stevenson, Davidson, '85, *South Carolina House*.
 Julius A. Trousedale, Cumberland, '70, *Tennessee House*.
 John L. Bates, Boston, '82, *Massachusetts House*.
 Ernest Rice, Cumberland, '93, *Tennessee Senate*.
 Henry S. Boutell, Northwestern, '74, *Illinois House*.
 Edward C. Stokes, Brown, '83, *New Jersey Senate*.
 Leon R. Taylor, Denison, '07, *New Jersey Senate*.
 Boies Penrose, Harvard, '81, *Pennsylvania Senate*.
 Paul E. Stillman, Michigan, '91, *Iowa House*.

Arthur P. Sumner, Brown, '85, *Rhode Island House*.
 Emmett F. Branch, Indiana, '96, *Indiana House*.
 Charles S. McDonald, Iowa, '01, *South Dakota House*.
 Walter D. Gillis, University of Washington, '07, *Idaho House*.
 Donald S. Whitehouse, Idaho '07, *Idaho House*.

No accurate enumeration has been made of those who have served as state senators or representatives, but a superficial study indicates that nearly 500 members of the fraternity have been so honored by their constituents.

There is also a long list of state officials who have been connected with the executive rather than with the legislative departments of their respective governments. The following list is not inclusive. There are probable omissions:

Other State Officials

Charles W. Burdick, Ohio Wesleyan, '81, Secretary of State, *Wyoming*.
 Matthew S. Quay, Jefferson, '50, Secretary of State, *Pennsylvania*.
 Samuel H. Elbert, Ohio Wesleyan, '54, Secretary of State, *Colorado*.
 James Smith, Washington-Jefferson, '57, Secretary of State, *Kansas*.
 Samuel Galloway, De Pauw, '60, Secretary of State, *Ohio*.
 James W. Blackburn, Centre, '54, Secretary of State, *Kentucky*.
 Louis P. Harvey, Cincinnati, '40, Secretary of State, *Wisconsin*.
 David Q. Eggleston, Hampden-Sydney, '77, Secretary of State, *Virginia*.
 Cyrus Thompson, Randolph-Macon, '77, Secretary of State, *North Carolina*.
 Robert O. Jones, Idaho, '09, Secretary of State, *Idaho*.
 Fred E. Lukens, Idaho, '08, Secretary of State, *Idaho*.
 Levi T. Dashiell, Texas, '90, Secretary of State, *Texas*.
 William T. Haines, Maine, '76, Attorney General, *Maine*.
 Joseph E. McDonald, Indiana, '49, Attorney General, *Indiana*.
 Henry M. Matthews, Virginia, '54, Attorney General, *West Virginia*.
 Norris Brown, Iowa, '83, Attorney General, *Nebraska*.
 William H. West, Washington-Jefferson, '46, Attorney General, *Ohio*.
 George P. Raney, Virginia, '67, Attorney General, *Florida*.
 Robert F. Walker, Missouri, '73, Attorney General, *Missouri*.
 Milton Remley, Iowa, '67, Attorney General, *Iowa*.
 John D. Atkinson, Indiana, '87, Attorney General, *Washington*.
 William J. Hendrick, Centre, '73, Attorney General, *Kentucky*.
 James M. Harlan, Centre, '50, Attorney General, *Kentucky*.
 Thomas Carmody, Cornell, '82, Attorney General, *New York*.
 James B. Stirling, Missouri, '92, Attorney General, *Mississippi*.
 John G. Pollard, Richmond, '91, Attorney General, *Virginia*.
 Josiah O. Wolcott, Wesleyan, '01, Attorney General, *Delaware*.
 Matthew S. Quay, Washington-Jefferson, '50, Treasurer, *Pennsylvania*.
 Thaddeus B. Lampton, Mississippi, '89, Treasurer, *Mississippi*.
 James A. Harris, Vanderbilt, '86, Comptroller, *Tennessee*.
 John D. Aitkinson, Indiana, '87, Auditor, *Washington*.
 Harry C. Marshall, Ohio Wesleyan, '55, Auditor, *Nevada*.
 Charles W. Burdick, Ohio Wesleyan, '81, Auditor, *Wyoming*.
 John Pierce, Western Reserve, '50, Surveyor General, *Colorado*.
 William J. McCulloh, Washington-Jefferson, '43, Surveyor General, *Louisiana*.
 Robert G. Harper, Emory, '45, Solicitor General, *Georgia*.
 Isajah Mansur, Miami, '46, Commissary General, *Indiana*.
 James R. Lyon, Emory, '44, Solicitor General, *Georgia*.
 Lucius Polk Brown, Virginia, '89, Chemist, *Tennessee*.
 Peter T. Austen, Rutgers, '72, Chemist, *New Jersey*.
 Robert B. Riggs, Beloit, '76, Chemist, *Connecticut*.
 George H. Perkins, Knox, '67, Entomologist, *Vermont*.
 James M. Safford, Ohio, '44, Entomologist, *Tennessee*.
 Ernest Walker, De Pauw, '90, Entomologist, *Arkansas*.
 Henry B. Kummel, Beloit, '89, Geologist, *New Jersey*.
 Richard Owen, De Pauw, '56, Geologist, *Indiana*.
 John S. Newberry, Western Reserve, '46, Geologist, *Ohio*.
 Henry T. Fernald, Maine, '85, Zoölogist, *Pennsylvania*.

Ernest Walker, De Pauw, '90, Horticulturist, *Alabama*.
 Gustavus J. Orr, Emory, '44, School Commissioner, *Georgia*.
 Parker Spofford, Dartmouth, '65, Railroad Commissioner, *Maine*.
 James W. McDill, Miami, '53, Railroad Commissioner, *Iowa*.
 Benjamin F. Crary, De Pauw, '53, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Minnesota*.
 Lewis W. Baxter, Kansas, '95, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Oklahoma*.
 James Harlan, De Pauw, '45, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Iowa*.
 John G. Marvin, Harvard, '44, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Pennsylvania*.
 William C. Larrabee, De Pauw, '46, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Indiana*.
 Joseph D. Eggleston, Hampden-Sydney, '86, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Virginia*.
 James Thompson, Indiana, '51, Commissioner of Education, *Tennessee*.
 Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, Director of Registration and Education, *Illinois*.
 Clifford Ireland, Knox, '01, Director of Trade and Commerce, *Illinois*.
 Rodney H. Brandon, Indiana, '01, Director of Public Welfare, *Illinois*.
 John C. Hanna, Wooster, '81, State Inspector of High Schools, *Illinois*.
 James F. Read, Centre, '74, Adjutant General, *Arkansas*.

Among those who have sat upon the bench of the highest courts of the respective states are the following:

Justices of the Supreme Courts in the Different States

(Chief Justices in Italics.)

Thomas J. Devine, Transylvania, '43, *Texas*.
 Henry Clay Gooding, De Pauw, '59, *Arizona*.
 Wilbur F. Stone, Indiana, '57, *Colorado*.
 Willis Van De Vanter, De Pauw, '81, *Wyoming*.
 Theodore L. Stiles, Ohio, '70, *Washington*.
 Samuel H. Buskirk, Indiana, '45, *Indiana*.
 James H. Beatty, Ohio Wesleyan, '58, *Idaho*.
 James P. Sterett, Jefferson, '45, *Pennsylvania*.
 David J. Brewer, Wesleyan, '55, *Kansas*.
 Alonzo Jay Edgerton, Wesleyan, '50, *Minnesota*.
 Joseph G. Wilson, Miami, '46, *Oregon*.
 Riley E. Stratton, Miami, '44, *Oregon*.
 Presley K. Ewing, Mississippi, '81, *Texas*.
 Alphonso C. Avery, North Carolina, '59, *North Carolina*.
 Charles B. Parkhill, Randolph-Macon, '78, *Florida*.
 Ulysses Mercur, Jefferson, '42, *Pennsylvania*.
 Joseph R. Lamar, Jr., Washington and Lee, '78, *Georgia*.
 Miles Tobey Granger, Wesleyan, '42, *Connecticut*.
 William Ware Peck, Harvard, '44, *Wyoming*.
 John Coburn, Wabash, '46, *Montana*.
 Charles McVea, Centenary, '50, *Louisiana*.
 William B. Spencer, Centenary, '55, *Louisiana*.
 Thomas B. Clinton, Centenary, '56, *Louisiana*.
 Samuel H. Elbert, Ohio Wesleyan, '54, *Colorado*.
 Alonzo P. Carpenter, Williams, '49, *New Hampshire*.
 Andrew Hunter Boyd, Washington-Lee, '68, *Maryland*.
 Sterling R. Cockerill, Washington-Lee, '69, *Arkansas*.
 William H. West, Jefferson, '46, *Ohio*.
 Joseph M. Moore, Jefferson, '46, *Louisiana*.
 George P. Raney, Virginia, '67, *Florida*.
 Robert F. Walker, Missouri, '73, *Missouri*.
 Eugene S. Quinton, Iowa, '82, *Kansas*.
 William H. Brinker, Missouri, '75, *New Mexico*.
 Ebenezer T. Wells, Knox, '55, *Colorado*.
 Dick Haney, Iowa Wesleyan, '74, *South Dakota*.
 Emlin McClain, Iowa, '71, *Iowa*.
 Shepard Barclay, Virginia, '69, *Missouri*.
 James B. Ganit, Virginia, '67, *Missouri*.
 Robert Jarrell Morgan, Georgia, '48, *Tennessee*.
 Edward A. Jaggard, Dickinson, '79, *Minnesota*.

Walter C. Caldwell, Cumberland, '71, *Tennessee*.
 Sterling R. Cockrill, Cumberland, '70, *Tennessee*.
 Horace H. Lurton, Cumberland, '67, *Tennessee*.
 Townsend Scudder, Columbia, '88, *New York*.
 Charles C. Van Kirk, Colgate, '84, *New York*.
 John T. Blodgett, Brown, '80, *Rhode Island*.
 Robert B. Mayes, Mississippi, '88, *Mississippi*.
 George A. Cooke, Knox, '92, *Illinois*.
 Warren Olney, California, '91, *California*.
 Peronneau F. Henderson, Davidson, '97, *South Carolina*.
 Coleman Avery, Cincinnati, '02, *Ohio*.
 Royal A. Stone, Minnesota, '99, *Minnesota*.
 Greeley W. Whitford, Iowa Wesleyan, '82, *Colorado*.
 Julian H. Moore, Denver, '05, *Colorado*.
 William R. Pattangall, Maine, '84, *Maine*.
 Wilbur M. Alter, Denver, '04, *Colorado*.
 Guston T. Fitzhugh, Mississippi, '86, *Mississippi*.

There is a time in the history of every state at which it strives to put forward its best men and that is when its citizens are assembled in constitutional convention to formulate or revise its organic law. The following is a partial list of Betas who have been members of different constitutional conventions, "partial," because it is incomplete, but it is a list of men in whom their fellow citizens reposed a supreme trust.

Members of State Constitutional Conventions

George E. Seay, Cumberland, '60, *Tennessee*.
 William H. West, Jefferson, '46, *Ohio*.
 George F. Young, Johns Hopkins, '86, *South Dakota*.
 Joseph M. Moore, Jefferson, '46, *Louisiana*.
 William F. Green, Jefferson, '50, *North Carolina*.
 Timothy Rives, Randolph-Macon, '79, *Virginia*.
 John G. Pollard, Randolph-Macon, '91, *Virginia*.
 William F. Glover, South Carolina, '60, *Alabama*.
 John C. Bullitt, Transylvania, '48, *Pennsylvania*.
 Powell Harrison, Virginia, '57, *Virginia*.
 Thomas R. Mills, Virginia, '67, *Georgia*.
 Alphonso C. Avery, North Carolina, '57, *North Carolina*.
 William P. McLean, North Carolina, '58, *Tennessee*.
 James T. Moorehead, North Carolina, '61, *North Carolina*.
 John W. McCormick, Ohio, '55, *Ohio*.
 Thomas L. Stiles, Ohio, '70, *Washington*.
 James H. Beatty, Ohio Wesleyan, '58, *Idaho*.
 Charles W. Burdick, Ohio Wesleyan, '81, *Wyoming*.
 Ebenezer T. Wells, Knox, '55, *Colorado*.
 William C. Goodhue, Knox, '56, *Illinois*.
 Miles W. Lewis, Emory, '42, *Georgia*.
 Peleg Emory Aldrich, Harvard, '44, *Massachusetts*.
 Frederick G. Young, John Hopkins, '86, *South Dakota*.
 Thomas Harbine, Miami, '45, *Missouri*.
 John W. Herron, Miami, '45, *Ohio*.
 George L. Becker, Michigan, '46, *Minnesota*.
 George W. Wall, Michigan, '58, *Illinois*.
 William F. McDonald, Mississippi, '82, *Mississippi*.
 Henry S. Hooker, Mississippi, '70, *Mississippi*.
 Robert G. Hudson, Mississippi, '72, *Mississippi*.
 James S. Brown, Centre, '52, *Tennessee*.
 William J. Hendrick, Centre, '73, *Kentucky*.
 Louis P. Harvey, Cincinnati, '40, *Wisconsin*.
 Robert P. Jacobs, Centre, '59, *Kentucky*.
 James W. Blackburn, Centre, '54, *Kentucky*.

Richard McIlwaine, Hampden-Sydney, '53, *Virginia*.
 Alfred P. Thom, Richmond, '72, *Virginia*.
 Eugene P. Withers, North Carolina, '90, *Virginia*.
 Walter A. Watson, Hampden-Sydney, '87, *Virginia*.
 David Q. Eggleston, Hampden-Sydney, '77, *Virginia*.
 Joseph D. Eggleston, Hampden-Sydney, '86, *Virginia*.
 Winfred E. Garrison, Yale, '94, *New Mexico*.
 Ernest I. Antrim, DePauw, '89, *Ohio*.

There is another state office which implies the most eminent respectability and the confidence of one's neighbors and an interest in government sufficient to distinguish a person from the vast majority. It is that of presidential elector and we, therefore, present the names of some of the Betas who have held this office.

Presidential Electors

William J. Hendrick, Centre, '73; Henry S. Cauthorne, De Pauw, '48; John W. Ray, De Pauw, '48; Jonas G. Howard, De Pauw, '51; Aden G. Cavins, De Pauw, '49; John Hanna, De Pauw, '50; David O. Dailey, De Pauw, '53; Alfred F. White, De Pauw, '67; Stanley Matthews, Cincinnati, '40; Joshua H. Bates, Cincinnati, '40; Milton Remley, Iowa, '67; Martin N. Johnson, Iowa, '73; William D. Bynum, Indiana, '69; Robert S. Ryors, Indiana, '65; Alfred T. Pope, Indiana, '62; Thomas J. McElrath, Hanover, '58; John Reily Knox, Miami, '39; Isaac H. Elliott, Michigan, '61; Junius E. Beal, Michigan, '82; Oscar F. Price, Michigan, '58; Ezekiel D. Candler, Mississippi, '81; Robert Powell, Mississippi, '70; Alphonso C. Avery, North Carolina, '57; Eugene P. Withers, North Carolina, '88; John G. Pollard, Richmond, '91; William Elliott, Virginia, '58; David S. Pierce, Virginia, '67; Willoughby N. Smith, Virginia, '72; William F. Green, Jefferson, '50; Elihu Spencer, Wesleyan, '39; Alonzo Jay Edgerton, Wesleyan, '50; Andrew B. Martin, Cumberland, '58; William D. Frazee, Cumberland, '71; John R. Goodwin, De Pauw, '48; Robert P. McColloch, Wittenberg, '80; Milton M. Scott, Westminster, '74; Robert J. Morgan, Georgia, '48; Wilbur F. Stone, Indiana, '57; Marcus L. McPherson, De Pauw, '48; Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85; Charles H. Carey, Denison, '81; Robert B. Kuykendell, Oregon, '13; Harold J. Warner, Oregon, '13.

As might be expected, a considerable proportion of the membership of the fraternity are professors and teachers, and many college presidents have worn our badge, notably heads of institutions in the central western states, in which the fraternity early acquired prominence.

In the first part of the following list we have mentioned only colleges in which the fraternity (or the Mystical Seven) has been represented by chapters.

Presidents of Colleges Which Have Had Beta Chapters

Boston University:

William F. Warren, Wesleyan, '53.

Butler College:

Winfred E. Garrison, Bethany, '93.

Zachary T. Sweeney, De Pauw, '71.

University of California:

William T. Reid, Illinois College, '67.

Carnegie Institute of Technology:

Thomas S. Baker, Johns Hopkins, '91.

Centre College:

Ormond Beatty, Centre, '35.

John C. Young, Centre, '23.

William C. Young, Centre, '59.

Richmond A. Montgomery, Miami, '93.

Centenary College: (Mystical Seven)

Charles W. Carter, Centenary, '55.

William L. C. Hunnicutt, Emory, '54.

Cumberland University:

Winsted B. Bone, Trinity, '83.

Davidson College:

Andrew D. Hepburn, Washington-Jefferson, '51.

William J. Martin, Davidson, '88.

Walter L. Lingle, Davidson, '92.

Denver University:

David H. Moore, Ohio, '60.

Henry A. Buchtel, De Pauw, '72.

De Pauw University:

William H. Hickman, De Pauw, '73.

Hilary A. Gobin, De Pauw, '70.

Emory College: (Mystical Seven)

Luther M. Smith, Emory, '48.

Osburn L. Smith, Emory, '43.

Hampden-Sydney College:

Richard McIlwaine, Hampden-Sydney, '54.

Joseph D. Eggleston, Hampden-Sydney, '86.

Hanover College:

George D. Archbald, Washington-Jefferson, '47.

University of Idaho:

Joseph P. Blanton, Hampden-Sydney, '69.

Illinois College:

Edward A. Tanner, Illinois College, '57.

Clifford W. Barnes, California, '89.

State University of Iowa:

Emlin McClain, Iowa, '71.

Iowa Wesleyan University:

James Harlan, De Pauw, '45.

Charles L. Stafford, Iowa Wesleyan, '71.

Knox College:

James L. McConaughy, Yale, '09.

University of Maine:

Harold S. Boardman, Maine, '95.

Miami University:

Andrew D. Hepburn, Washington-Jefferson, '51.

David S. Tappan, Miami, '64.

University of Mississippi:

Alfred Hume, Vanderbilt, '87.

University of Missouri:

Michael M. Fisher, Hanover, '55.

Samuel S. Laws, Miami, '48.

John C. Jones, Westminster, '79.

Monmouth College:

James A. P. McGaw, Miami, '56.

David A. Wallace, Miami, '46.

Northwestern University:

Charles H. Fowler, Syracuse, '59.

Ohio University:

Isaac Crook, Ohio Wesleyan, '59.

William H. Scott, Ohio, '62.

Ohio State University:

William H. Scott, Ohio, '62.

Ohio Wesleyan University:

Lorenzo D. McCabe, Ohio, '43.

University of Oklahoma:

David R. Boyd, Wooster, '78.

Oklahoma State College:

Angelo C. Scott, Kansas, '77.

Oregon State College:

Thomas M. Gatch, Ohio Wesleyan, '55.

Pennsylvania State College:

James A. Beaver, Washington-Jefferson, '56.

University of South Dakota:

- Charles O. Merica, De Pauw, '91.
St. Lawrence University:
 Richard E. Sykes, St. Lawrence, '83.
Syracuse University:
 Charles N. Sims, De Pauw, '59.
Transylvania University:
 Burris A. Jenkins, Bethany, '91.
University of Virginia:
 Charles S. Venable, Hampden-Sydney, '54 (called chairman of the faculty).
University of Washington:
 Thomas M. Gatch, Ohio Wesleyan, '55.
Wesleyan University
 James L. McConaughy, Yale, '09.
Westminster College:
 Samuel S. Laws, Miami, '48.
 Charles B. Boving, Westminster, '91.
Western Reserve University:
 George E. Pierce, Western Reserve, '16.
West Virginia University:
 Jerome H. Raymond, Northwestern, '92.
University of Wisconsin:
 John Bascom, Williams, '49.
Wittenberg College:
 John M. Ruthrauff, Wittenberg, '71.
 Charles G. Heckert, Wittenberg, '86.
Wooster College:
 Sylvester F. Scovel, Hanover, '54.

Presidents of Other Colleges

- Frederick M. Tisdell, Northwestern, '91, University of Wyoming.
 Frank Y. Adams, St. Lawrence, '88, University of Arizona.
 James K. Patterson, Hanover, '55, Kentucky State College.
 Robert D. Jackson, California, '82, University of Nevada.
 Augustine C. Hirst, Hanover, '61, University of the Pacific.
 Isaac Crook, Ohio Wesleyan, '59, University of the Pacific.
 Samuel S. Weatherby, Ohio Wesleyan, '66, Baker University.
 Carl G. Doney, Ohio State, '91, Willamette University.
 Hubert W. Hurt, Iowa Wesleyan, '04, Lombard College.
 Charles O. Merica, De Pauw, '91, University of Wyoming.
 Henry C. Evans, Westminster, '81, Texas Presbyterian College.
 George Loomis, Wesleyan, '42, Allegheny College.
 Alexander Q. Holladay, Virginia, '59, North Carolina Agricultural College.
 Alexander Q. Holladay, Virginia, '59, Florida State College.
 J. Stanley Brown, Denison, '89, Northern Illinois Teachers College.
 Karl L. Adams, Ohio, '09, Northern Illinois Teachers College.
 Elijah E. Edwards, De Pauw, '53, Colorado State College.
 Thomas H. Sinex, De Pauw, '42, Albion College.
 Charles F. Creighton, Ohio, '70, Nebraska Wesleyan University.
 LeRoy A. Belt, Ohio Wesleyan, '61, Ohio Northern University.
 Charles E. Shelton, Iowa Wesleyan, '79, Simpson College.
 Burris A. Jenkins, Bethany, '91, Kentucky University.
 Caleb F. Gates, Beloit, '77, Robert College (Constantinople).
 Arthur F. Griffith, St. Lawrence, '07, Oahu College (Honolulu).
 David R. Boyd, Wooster, '78, University of New Mexico.
 Joseph H. Calvin, Jefferson, '49, Oakland College.
 Isaac J. Long, Centre, '58, Arkansas College.
 Samuel M. Luckett, Centre, '59, Austin College.
 John J. Halsey, Chicago, '70, Lake Forest College.
 Edward L. Hardy, Wisconsin, '93, State Teachers College, San Diego.
 Edward O. Sisson, Chicago, '93, Bradley Polytechnic and University of Montana.
 Frank W. Gunsaulus, Ohio Wesleyan, '75, Armour Institute.
 Thomas C. Mendenhall, Western Reserve, '69, Worcester Polytechnic and Rose Polytechnic.

William B. Owen, Denison, '87, Chicago Teachers College.
 Henry B. Boude, Centre, '57, Austin College.
 Ernest A. Smith, Ohio Wesleyan, '88, University of Toledo.
 Benjamin F. Cray, De Pauw, '55, Hamline University.
 John P. Brooks, Dartmouth, '85, Clarkson School of Technology.
 Edgar O. Lovett, Bethany, '90, Rice Institute.
 William G. Seaman, De Pauw, '71, Dakota Wesleyan University.
 John C. Acheson, Centre, '98, Macalester College.
 Winfred E. Garrison, Yale, '94, New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS

Beta Theta Pi is noted for the many distinguished teachers who have been proud to wear its badge and bear its name. Without wide knowledge, it is impossible to present a correct list that is all-inclusive. Among those college professors who are deceased or have retired from active service the following may be noted:

Heman H. Allen, Centre, '55, theology at Danville Seminary.
 William B. Bailey, Yale, '94, economics at Yale.
 Edward E. Barnard, Vanderbilt, '86, astronomy at Chicago.
 Charles R. Barnes, Hanover, '77, botany at Chicago.
 John Bascom, Williams, '49, philosophy at Williams.
 Walter Blair, Hampden-Sydney, '55, Latin at Hampden-Sydney.
 James S. Buchanan, Cumberland, '85, history at Oklahoma.
 John W. Burgess, Cumberland, '62, political science at Columbia.
 Clarence F. Castle, Denison, '80, Greek at Bucknell and Chicago.
 Alfred D. Cole, Brown, '84, physics at Denison and Ohio State.
 Herbert W. Conn, Boston, '81, biology at Wesleyan.
 Stanley Coulter, Hanover, '70, biology at Purdue.
 Alpheus D. Faville, Wisconsin, '08, animal husbandry at Wyoming.
 Robert V. Foster, Cumberland, '76, theology at Cumberland.
 Charles K. Gaines, St. Lawrence, '76, Greek at St. Lawrence.
 Hilary A. Gobin, DePauw, '70, theology at DePauw.
 Winder E. Goldsborough, Cornell, '91, electrical engineering at Purdue.
 Charles R. Henderson, Chicago, '70, sociology at Chicago.
 Isaac N. Himes, Jefferson, '53, medicine at Western Reserve.
 Stanley K. Hornbeck, Denver, '03, political science at Wisconsin.
 Daniel Kirkwood, Indiana, '49, mathematics and astronomy at Indiana.
 Samuel J. Kirkwood, Indiana, '61, mathematics and astronomy at Wooster.
 Leslie A. Lee, St. Lawrence, '72, geology and biology at Bowdoin.
 Alonzo Linn, Jefferson, '49, Greek at Washington and Jefferson.
 Edgar O. Lovett, Bethany, '90, astronomy at Princeton.
 Dunlap J. McAdam, Washington-Jefferson, '68, mathematics at Washington and Jefferson.
 Emlin McClain, Iowa, '71, law at Iowa.
 William G. Manly, Virginia, '84, Greek at Missouri.
 Andrew B. Martin, Cumberland, '58, law at Cumberland.
 George H. Meyer, Colgate, '89, German at Illinois.
 John S. Newberry, Western Reserve, '45, geology at Columbia.
 William B. Owen, Denison, '87, Greek at Chicago.
 Hiram M. Perkins, Ohio Wesleyan, '57, mathematics and astronomy at Ohio Wesleyan.
 Thomas R. Price, Virginia, '59, English at Columbia.
 Wallace C. Sabine, Ohio State, '86, physics at Harvard.
 James M. Safford, Ohio, '44, geology at Vanderbilt.
 Rollin D. Salisbury, Beloit, '81, geology and geography at Chicago.
 Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, history at Chicago.
 Charles W. Shields, Princeton, '44, theology at Princeton.
 Ernest S. Smith, Ohio Wesleyan, '88, history at Allegheny.
 Herbert C. Tolman, Yale, '88, Greek at Vanderbilt.
 Charles S. Venable, Hampden-Sydney, '54, mathematics at Virginia.

Andrew F. West, Centre, '73, classics at Princeton.

Delonzo T. Wilson, North Carolina, '87, mathematics and astronomy at Case.

Eugene Wambaugh, Ohio Wesleyan, '75, law at Harvard.

DeVolson Wood, Michigan, '59, mathematics and mechanical engineering at Stevens.

Frederick G. Young, Johns Hopkins, '86, economics at Oregon.

John C. Zachos, Cincinnati, '40, organizer of Cooper Union.

Charles Fueblin, Northwestern, '87, sociology at Chicago.

Among other Beta college professors there are: Frank M. Anderson, Minnesota '94, history at Dartmouth; Louis F. Anderson, Washington (Seattle) '82, Greek at Whitman; LeRoy Arnold, Minnesota '04, English at Hamline; Thomas S. Barclay, Missouri '15, political science at Stanford; J. Carleton Bell, Denison '96, education at C.C.N.Y.; George E. Collie, Beloit '81, geology at Beloit; William E. Castle, Denison '89, zoology at Harvard; William H. Crawshaw, Colgate '87, English literature at Colgate; E. Gorton Davis, Denison '05, landscape architecture at Cornell; William C. Day, Johns-Hopkins '80, chemistry at Swarthmore; Hiram D. Densmore, Beloit '86, botany at Beloit; George R. Dodson, Missouri '87, philosophy at Washington; Edward S. Drown, Harvard '84, theology at Episcopal Theological Seminary; David S. Duncan, Denver '01, history at Denver; William C. Ebaugh, Pennsylvania '98, chemistry at Utah and Denison; Jay G. Eldridge, Yale '96, German at Idaho; Edward Ellery, Colgate '90, chemistry at Union; Herbert C. Elmer, Cornell '83, Latin at Cornell; Marshall B. Evans, Boston '96, German at Ohio State; William H. Faulkner, Richmond '91, German at Virginia; Albert B. Faust, Johns-Hopkins '89, German at Cornell; James H. Felgar, Kansas '01, mechanical engineering at Oklahoma; Henry T. Fernald, Maine '85, entomology at Massachusetts Agricultural; Merritt L. Fernald, Maine '94, natural history at Harvard; Robert H. Fernald, Maine '94, mechanical engineering at Pennsylvania; Carl R. Fish, Brown '97, history at Wisconsin; Frederick H. Flaherty, Syracuse '92, surgery at Syracuse; Ralph H. Gabriel, Yale '13, history at Yale; Winfred E. Garrison, Yale '94, church history at Chicago; Herbert B. Goodrich, Amherst '09, biology at Wesleyan; William P. Graham, Syracuse '93, electrical engineering at Syracuse; William L. Graves, Ohio State '93, English at Ohio State; Hobart A. Hare, Pennsylvania '84, therapeutics and diagnosis at Pennsylvania; Henry W. Harper, Virginia '92, chemistry at Texas; George E. Hastings, Washington-Jefferson '04, English at Arkansas; Henry R. Hatfield, Northwestern '92, political science at California; James T. Hatfield, Northwestern '82, German at Northwestern; Erasmus Haworth, Kansas '81, geology at Kansas; Elijah C. Hills, Cornell '92, romance languages at California; Murray A. Hines, St. Lawrence '99, chemistry at Northwestern; Osman C. Hooper, Denison '79, journalism at Ohio State; William I. Hull, Johns-Hopkins '89, history at Swarthmore; Eldon R. James, Cincinnati '96, law at Harvard; Fleming James, Pennsylvania '95, theology at Berkeley Divinity School; Abraham T. Kerr, Cornell '95, anatomy at Cornell; Frederick B. Knight, Boston '13, education and psychology at Iowa; Loyal H. Larimer, Wittenberg '94, theology at Wittenberg; Frederick S. Lee, St. Lawrence '78, physiology at Columbia; William Ellery Leonard, Boston '98, English at Wisconsin; Winfred G. Leutner, Western Reserve '06, Greek and Latin at Western Reserve; Samuel McCune Lindsay, Pennsylvania '99, sociology at Columbia; Frederick B. Luquians, Yale '97, Spanish at Yale; Chester C. Maxey, Whitman '12, political science at Whitman;

William T. Magruder, Stevens '81, mechanical engineering at Ohio State; Charles W. McCampbell, Kansas State '06, animal husbandry at Kansas State; Kenneth McKenzie, Harvard '91, romance languages at Princeton; LeRoy McMaster, Dickinson '01, chemistry at Washington; Paul V. McNutt, Indiana '13, law at Indiana; Clarence W. Mendell, Yale '04, Latin at Yale; Samuel A. Mitchell, Johns-Hopkins '98, astronomy at Virginia; Sydney K. Mitchell, Yale '98, history at Yale; Jared S. Moore, Johns-Hopkins '00, philosophy at Western Reserve; John Morris, Randolph-Macon '83, philology at Georgia; Bruce D. Mudgett, Idaho '08, economics at Minnesota; William S. Myers, North Carolina '97, politics at Princeton; Edward E. Nicholson, Nebraska '94, chemistry at Minnesota; Walter C. O. Kane, Ohio State '97, entomology at New Hampshire State; Everett W. Olmstead, Knox '91, romance languages at Minnesota; Edwin W. Pahlow, Wisconsin '99, historical method at Ohio State; Cullen W. Parmelee, Rutgers '96, ceramics at Illinois; George H. Perkins, Knox '67, geology at Vermont; Arthur H. Quinn, Pennsylvania '94, English at Pennsylvania; Alfred M. Reese, Johns-Hopkins '92, zoology at West Virginia; Robert B. Riggs, Beloit '76, chemistry at Trinity; Edward S. Robinson, Cincinnati '16, psychology at Yale; William H. Siebert, Ohio State '88, history at Ohio State; William V. Skiles, Georgia Tech '06, mathematics at Georgia Tech; William E. Scheuerman, Missouri '88, engineering at Vanderbilt; Herbert E. Slaughter, Colgate '83, mathematics at Chicago; Ernest B. Skinner, Ohio '88, mathematics at Wisconsin; E. Kenneth Smiley, Bowdoin '21, dean at North Dakota; James H. Tufts, Amherst '84, philosophy at Chicago; John L. Van Ornum, Wisconsin '88, civil engineering at Washington; Arthur R. Warnock, Illinois '05, dean at Pennsylvania State; William M. Warren, Boston '87, classics at Boston; Charles B. Wilson, Cornell '84, German at Iowa; Robert W. Wood, Johns-Hopkins, '92, physics at Johns-Hopkins.

In the churches, the fraternity seems to be strongest in the Methodist Church. In the Northern branch we have on our rolls: Bishop Luther B. Wilson, Dickinson, '75; Bishop Charles H. Fowler, Syracuse, '59, (who was editor of the *Christian Advocate*); Bishop David H. Moore, Ohio, '60; Bishop Earl Cranston, Ohio, '61; Bishop Henry W. Warren, Wesleyan, '53; Bishop William O. Shepard, De Pauw, '85; Bishop Wilbur F. Thirkield, Ohio Wesleyan, '76; Bradford K. Pierce, Wesleyan, '41, late editor of *Zion's Herald* and George E. Whitaker, Boston, '85, its publisher; John H. Acton, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, editor of the *Pacific Christian Advocate*; the late Arthur Edwards, Ohio Wesleyan, '58, editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*; the late James W. Mendenhall, Ohio Wesleyan, '64, editor of the *Methodist Review*; Henry A. Buchtel, De Pauw, '72, chancellor of the University of Denver, and later Governor of Colorado; Orville J. Nave, Ohio Wesleyan, '70, known as "Chaplain" Nave and J. Hogarth Lozier, De Pauw, '57, known as "Chaplain" Lozier, Ferdinand C. Iglehart, De Pauw, '67; Oliver A. Brown, Ohio Wesleyan, '66; Leroy A. Belt, Ohio Wesleyan, '61; Newton W. Darlington, Wabash, '52; Thomas C. Iliff, Ohio, '70; Isaac Crook, Ohio Wesleyan, '59; Charles O. Stafford, Iowa Wesleyan, '71; DeLoss M. Tompkins, Northwestern, '77, and many others who have held positions of honor. Bishops William X. Ninde, Wesleyan, '47, and Edward G. Andrews, Wesleyan, '47, were members of the Mystical Seven. In the Southern Church there are Bishop Elijah F. Hoss, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, for many years also editor of the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, and Wayman

H. Potter, Emory, '49, and Wilbur F. Glenn, Emory, '60, editors of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

In the Presbyterian church may be mentioned: William C. Young, Centre, '59, moderator of the general assembly of 1892; Frederick T. Brown, Princeton, '45, editor of the *Illustrated Christian Weekly*, Henry Clay Evans, Westminster, '81, editor of the *St. Louis Presbyterian*, Heman H. Allen, Centre, '55, editor of the *Western Presbyterian*, Francis C. Monfort, Hanover, '64; Elias C. Monfort, Hanover, '65, and Edward P. Whallon, Hanover, '68, editors of the *Herald and Presbyter*; John Gillespie, Jefferson, '62, late Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, John C. McClintock, Washington and Jefferson, '62, of Iowa; the late George W. F. Birch, Washington (Pa.), '58; James S. Ramsay, Washington (Pa.), '61; Meade C. Williams, Miami, '61, of St. Louis; the late Nathaniel West, Michigan, '46, at one time editor of the *Princeton Review*; Samuel Hall Young, Wooster, '75, superintendent of Missions in Alaska, David C. Marquis, Washington and Jefferson, '57, professor in the McCormick Seminary and Moderator of the General Assembly of 1886; Clarence E. Macartney, Wisconsin, '01, and John A. Blair, Wabash, '93.

In the Southern Branch of the church there are Henry Martyn Smith, Washington and Jefferson, '51, Moderator of the assemblies of 1873 and 1874 and for many years editor of the *South Western Presbyterian*, Robert Q. Mallard, Georgia, '53, also editor of the same journal, Abner Crump Hopkins, Hampden-Sydney, '55, Moderator of the assembly of 1903, Joseph R. Wilson, Jefferson, 44, Moderator of the assemblies of 1879 and 1880; John Newton Craig, secretary of the Board of Home Missions; Samuel M. Luckett, Centre, '59, of Texas; Charles M. Payne, Davidson, '63, of North Carolina; Richard K. Smoot, Hanover, '56, of Texas; Thomas L. Preston, Virginia, '55, of Virginia; Isaac J. Long, Centre, '58, of Arkansas; Thomas W. Hooper, Hampden-Sydney, '55, of Virginia; Alexander W. Pitzer, Hampden-Sydney, '54, of Washington; William R. Dobyns, Westminster '86, Moderator of the assembly of 1929; and Edwin B. McCluer, Westminster '78, Editor of *Presbyterian of the South*.

In the Cumberland Branch of the church, Ira Landrith, Cumberland, '88, editor of the *Cumberland Presbyterian*; Samuel M. Templeton, Trinity, '83, Moderator of the assembly of 1902, and Prof. Robert V. Foster, Cumberland, '70, of Tennessee, may be referred to, and in the United Presbyterian Church David R. Miller, Monmouth, '74, editor of the *United Presbyterian*, David A. Wallace, the theologian; William A. Spalding, Monmouth, '76, Moderator of the assembly of 1929.

In the Protestant Episcopal Church there are Davis Sessums, Virginia, '79, Bishop of Louisiana; Charles D. Williams, Kenyon, '80, Bishop of Michigan; George H. Kinsolving, Virginia, '70, Bishop of Texas; Henry M. Jackson, V.M.I., '71, Bishop of Alabama; Simeon Arthur Huston, Kenyon, '00, Bishop of Washington; Charles W. Leffingwell, founder and for many years editor of the *Living Church*; George P. Atwater, Kenyon '95; J. H. Randolph Ray, Columbia, '08; Elmore M. McKee, Yale, '19; William A. Smith, Minnesota, '94; Editor of *The Churchman*; Cleveland K. Benedict, Kenyon, '87; Arthur Dumper, Kenyon, '95; Carl E. Grammer, Johns-Hopkins, '80; John A. Wade, Yale, '99; David N. Steele, Wooster, '95; Duncan M. Genns, Wesleyan, '00; Stanley C. Hughes, Wabash, '89; Robert N. Spencer, Dickinson, '03; and Wallace E. Rollins, North Carolina, '92.

In the Congregational Church are Theodore T. Munger, Western Reserve, '51 author of "The Freedom of Faith," and Artemas J. Haynes, Denver, '95, his successor, as pastor of the United Congregational Church at New Haven; James A. Adams, editor of the *Congregational Herald*; Frank W. Gunsaulus, Ohio Wesleyan, '75, of the Plymouth Church, Chicago, and later of Central Church, and Gaius Glenn Atkins, Ohio State, '88, famous Detroit pastor.

In the Baptist Church are William C. Bitting, Richmond, '77, prominent official of the Northern Baptist Convention; William W. Bustard, Brown '95, distinguished as a fighter for the right; William B. Riley, Hanover, '85, of Minneapolis, leading fundamentalist; Harold C. Phillips, Denison, '20, of Mt. Vernon, New York; Henry A. Tupper, Richmond, '75, pastor, author, peace advocate; Myron W. Haynes, Colgate, '79; George W. Lasher, Colgate, '57, for many years editor of the *Journal and Messenger*; William A. Stanton, Hanover, '75, editor of *The Kingdom*, and Joseph K. Wilson, Brown, '73, editor of *Zion's Advocate*.

In addition, we may mention George Scholl, Wittenberg, '68, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Lutheran church; David H. Bauslin, Wittenberg, '76, and Ezra K. Bell, Wittenberg, '77, editors of the *Lutheran World*; Frederick L. Sigmund, Wittenberg, '86, president of Carthage College, and John H. Prugh, Wittenberg, '77, president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; Benjamin L. Smith, Bethany, '78, Secretary of Home Missionary Work, in the Christian (Campbellite) church; William Robinson Warren, Bethany, '89, editor of the *Christian Worker*; William J. Wright, Bethany, '81, National Superintendent of Evangelism in Christian churches; Marion D. Shutter, Denison, '76, president of the General Convention of the Universalist Church, author and Minneapolis preacher; and John M. Atwood, St. Lawrence, '89, professor of Theology at Canton, N.Y., and also honored with the presidency of the General Convention of the Universalist Church.

In special lines of instructional and supervisory work have been William D. Williams, Georgia, '48, superintendent of the Georgia Blind Asylum; William K. Argo, Centre, '79, superintendent of the Kentucky and Colorado schools for the deaf and blind; William H. DeMotte, De Pauw, '49, superintendent of the Wisconsin and Kansas schools for the deaf; Joseph C. Gordon, Monmouth, '66, a high authority on the deaf and dumb; John R. Dobyns, Westminster, '74, superintendent of the Mississippi deaf and dumb asylum, and Philip G. Gillette, De Pauw, '52, superintendent of the Illinois Institute for the deaf; Louis G. Perkins, Centenary, '50, superintendent of the Louisiana Insane Asylum; George F. Keene, Brown, '75, superintendent of the Rhode Island Insane Asylum and Clarence M. Parks, Indiana, '85, superintendent of the Washington State Insane Asylum.

Among physicians we may mention George Ben Johnson, Virginia, '72, of Richmond; William R. Pryor, Washington & Lee, '76, of New York, a famous gynecologist; Elkanah Williams, De Pauw, '47, the oculist; Thaddeus A. Reamy, Ohio Wesleyan, '70, of Cincinnati; Theophilus Parvin, Indiana, '47, of Indianapolis; James T. Whitaker, Miami, '63, well known as a physician and author; Hobart A. Hare, Pennsylvania, '84, editor of the *Medical News*, Alexander W. Ewing, Michigan, '64, of New York City; Francis C. Wilson, Washington & Lee, '60, of Louisville, and Samuel D. Risley, Iowa, '75, of Philadelphia; John N. Mackenzie, Virginia, '76, the

eminent laryngologist; Ernest J. Lederle, Columbia, '86, Commissioner of Health at New York City; Seth Scott Bishop, Beloit, '77, a laryngologist of eminence; John Chalmers DaCosta, Pennsylvania, '82, the celebrated surgeon of Philadelphia; Arthur R. Edwards, Northwestern, '88, of Chicago; Charles H. Leonard, Syracuse, '72, of Detroit; William Allen Pusey, Vanderbilt, '85, dermatologist and president of American Medical Association; George G. Davis, Chicago, '01, Chicago surgeon; John M. Dodson, Wisconsin, '80, former dean of Rush Medical College, editor of *Hygeia*; Kellogg Speed, Chicago, '00, Chicago surgeon; Esmond R. Long, Chicago, '11, pathologist; Clifford G. Grulee, Miami, '99, nationally known in pediatrics; H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, editor *Medical Times*, professor in Long Island College Hospital; John A. Witherspoon, Pennsylvania, '87, Vanderbilt professor and president of American Medical Association; George Fetterolf, Pennsylvania, '87, anatomist and Pennsylvania professor; John G. Clark, Pennsylvania, '91, gynecologist and Pennsylvania professor; John B. Shapleigh, Washington, '78, otologist and Washington University professor; Charles J. Bloom, Tulane, '11, pediatrician and Tulane professor; William P. Bradburn, Tulane, '08, Tulane professor; Muir Bradburn, Tulane, '08, Tulane professor; Henry F. Vaughan, Michigan, '19, president American Public Health Association; Henry S. Houghton, Ohio State, '00, former president of the Union Medical College of the Rockefeller Foundation in Peking and now dean of the Medical School of the State University of Iowa; Donald D. Van Slyke, Michigan, '05, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; Charles S. Bacon, Beloit, '78, professor of obstetrics at University of Illinois; Francis Lane, Wittenberg, '96, oculist and ophthalmologist; Donald Macrae, Jr., Iowa '00, famous Council Bluffs surgeon; Harold Lilienthal, Harvard, '83, New York physician; Charles Brigham Penrose, Harvard, '81, Philadelphia gynecologist; Beverly Hannah, Toronto, '09, Toronto specialist; Charles E. Simon, Johns Hopkins, '88, Baltimore surgeon; August Hoch, Johns Hopkins, '89, New York psychiatrist; Abram T. Kerr, Cornell, '95, of the Cornell University Medical School; Palmer Findley, Iowa, '90, of Omaha; John R. Caulk, Johns Hopkins, '05, St. Louis surgeon and professor; Frost C. Buchtel, De Pauw, '98, Denver surgeon; H. Kennon Dunham, Cincinnati, '95, of Cincinnati; Harry W. Plagemeyer, Johns Hopkins, '03, Detroit urologist; Southgate Leigh, Virginia, '88, Norfolk surgeon; George H. Whipple, Yale, '00, University of Rochester dean; Francis Carter Wood, Ohio State, '91, New York cancer specialist; James T. Nix, Tulane, '06, New Orleans surgeon; John R. Winslow, Johns Hopkins, '86, University of Maryland professor; Frederick E. D'Oench, Washington, '74, New York oculist; Warren A. Davis, Wisconsin, '91, University of Minnesota professor; Reid Hunt, Johns Hopkins, '96, Harvard professor; Charles F. Painter, Johns Hopkins, '91, Tufts professor; David N. Barrows, Yale, '08, New York obstetrician.

In the law the fraternity has long held a commanding position. We have mentioned many of our prominent lawyers in the lists of officials, judges and professors. A selection of other names is difficult because any principle of exclusion will cause the omission of some names which competent judges would include.

We may refer to Henry Beard, Cincinnati, '40, the patent lawyer, and Richard T. Merrick, Jefferson, '43, both of Washington, D.C., and whose practice was chiefly before the Supreme Court of the United States; Rush

Taggart, Wooster, '71, of New York City, counsel for the Western Union; Benjamin Sheeks, Indiana, '65, of Salt Lake City; Winfield R. Smith, Wisconsin, '89, of Seattle; John S. Miller, St. Lawrence, '69, corporation counsel of Chicago; James A. Burhans, De Pauw, '75, of Chicago; Abram W. Hendricks, Jefferson, '43, of Indianapolis; Henry Judson Booth, Denison, '73, of Columbus, Ohio; Guy C. Earl, California, '83, of San Francisco; William C. Sprague, Denison, '81, president of the Sprague Correspondence School of Law; Furman Sheppard, Princeton, '45, formerly city solicitor of Philadelphia; Andrew Allison, Cumberland, '60, and Gen. Gates P. Thruston, Miami, '55, of Nashville; the late Peleg Emory Aldrich, Harvard, '44, of Worcester, Mass.; Booth M. Malone, Beloit, '77, of Denver; Walter P. Cooke, Cornell, '91, of the Arbitral Tribunal of Interpretation under the Dawes Plan; Henry J. Hersey, Boston, '84, of Denver; Ledyard P. Hale, St. Lawrence, '76, of Canton, N.Y.; Hon. John W. Herron, Miami, '45, of Cincinnati; David S. Garland, Randolph-Macon, '85, editor of the *American English Encyclopedia of Law*; Charles S. Wheeler, California, '84, of San Francisco; Christopher C. Wright, Iowa Wesleyan, '72, of Los Angeles, author of the irrigation law of California; William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, the patent lawyer of New York; John L. Boone, Ohio Wesleyan, '63, the patent lawyer of San Francisco; Amasa C. Paul, Dartmouth, '78, the patent lawyer of Minneapolis; Clarence L. Newton, Wesleyan, '02, income tax expert of Boston, and Albert H. Washburn, Cornell, '89, specialist in tariff litigation of New York City, American minister to Austria; Henry Upson Sims, Virginia, '94, president of the American Bar Association 1930; John H. Ray, Minnesota, '08, general counsel for the American Telegraph and Telephone Company.

Among the lawyers who have made a specialty of practice relating to railroads and similar corporations, we may mention Addison G. Smith, Cumberland, '73, general counsel for the Birmingham Southern R. R.; Alonzo W. Church, George, '47, counsel for the Chicago & Alton R. R. for many years; James M. Walker, Michigan, '46, general counsel for the Michigan Central and president of the Stock Yards corporation at Chicago; the late John S. Newberry, Michigan, '46, a distinguished admiralty lawyer of Detroit and president of several navigation companies operating on the great lakes; Andrew J. Poppleton, Michigan, '51, general attorney for the Union Pacific; Alfred P. Thom, Virginia, '76, general counsel for the Southern Railway; Cyrus D. Roys, Michigan, '61, attorney for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and the Wisconsin Central; Gaylord B. Clark, Washington & Lee, '68, general counsel for the Mobile & Ohio; William B. Keep, Beloit, '73, general attorney for the Southern Pacific; Wilbur F. Stone, Indiana, '57, attorney for the Denver & Rio Grande; Howard Morris, Wisconsin, '77, general counsel for the Wisconsin Central; Benjamin S. Grosscup, Wittenberg, '79, counsel for the Northern Pacific on the western coast; Charles H. Carey, Denison, '81, counsel for the Hill lines on the Pacific coast; Alfred H. McVey, Ohio Wesleyan, '68, general counsel for the Toledo, Chicago & St. Louis; Henry H. Trimble, De Pauw, '47, general attorney for the Burlington Route; Joseph B. Cummings, Georgia, '54, general counsel for the Georgia Pacific; Blewett H. Lee, Virginia, '85, general attorney for the Illinois Central; Henry S. Priest, Westminster, '72, general attorney for the Missouri Pacific; William T. Rankin, Monmouth, '74, general attorney for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Robert J. Morgan,

Georgia, '48, counsel for the St. Louis & Iron Mountain; David G. Hamilton, De Pauw, '65, president of the Texas & Mexican Central, the National Railway of Illinois and of the Chicago City Railway Company, Samuel E. Williamson, Western Reserve, '64, general counsel for the Nickel Plate, the New York Central and the West Shore; Alfred A. Frazier, Denison, '79, counsel for the Baltimore and Ohio; Coleman Avery, Cincinnati, '02, counsel for the Louisville and Nashville.

Of persons connected with railroading we may mention, William Hood, Dartmouth, '67, chief engineer of the Southern Pacific, who built the Lucin cut off on Great Salt Lake; the "S" road through the Siskiyou, which crosses the Sacramento river eighteen times, and passes through sixteen tunnels, one of them 3,000 feet long; and the Carriso Gorge line uniting the Imperial Valley with San Diego; Andrew D. Schindler, California, '83, general manager of the Pacific Electric and Los Angeles Interurban Railway Company; John D. K. Smith, Bethany, '62, president of the Iowa Railway Construction Company; James M. Reynolds, De Pauw, '46, for many years vice-president and general manager of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago; John L. Frazier, Washington and Lee, '58, Division Superintendent of the Southern Pacific; John A. Grant, Washington & Lee, '66, president of the Memphis & Charleston; George B. Wright, Ohio, '41, vice-president of the old Atlantic & Great Western and receiver and president of the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western; Wallace J. Wilcox, Cornell, '78, master mechanic of the Mexican Central; Wilson D. Kinnear, Kansas, '84, chief engineer of the Michigan Central; Benjamin A. Kimball, Dartmouth, '54, president of the Concord & Montreal; Halleck W. Seaman, Iowa, '82, president of the Illinois, Iowa & Minnesota; Edmund H. Williams, Michigan, '47, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania and vice-president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works; Charles Parrott, Ohio Wesleyan, '56, vice-president of the Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking Valley; James M. Walker, Michigan, '46, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and William W. Baldwin, Iowa, '66, assistant to the president of the same railroad and president of some of its subsidiary corporations; George G. Hull, Georgia, '47, the constructor of the Atlantic & Great Western; James P. Gould, Dartmouth, '62, chief engineer of the Ulster & Delaware; James F. Read, Centre, '74, president of the Arkansas Western; J. Vernet Cilley, Maine, '83, inspector general of Railways for the Argentine Republic; Eugene A. Sommers, Union, '96, engineer of the Guayaquil & Quito Railway, and Lewis W. Baldwin, Lehigh, '96, president of the Missouri Pacific.

Among engineers are, Lee Hayes, Missouri, '79, chief engineer of the Boston, Montana & Butte Mining Company; Eugene J. Buffington, Vanderbilt, '85, president, and William H. Pratt, Dartmouth, '74, general superintendent of the Illinois Steel Company; Amory P. Folwell, Brown, '85, professor of municipal engineering at Lafayette College; Robert A. Kinzie, California, '97, superintendent of the Treadwell mine in Alaska; Humphrey R. Smith, Stevens, '88, chief engineer of the Otis Elevator Company; Alexander K. Hamilton, Stevens, '95, chief engineer of the Lackawanna Steel Company; Henry S. Loud, Stevens, '90, general manager of the British Westinghouse Company; Frederick W. Cooke, Stevens, '82, superintendent of the Locomotive Works at Paterson, N.J.; Charles Volney Kerr, Stevens, '88, of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., of New York City; George H. Pegram, Washington, '77, chief engineer of the elevated railroads in New

York City and designer of the elevated railroads in Kansas City and of the Great Union Station in St. Louis; Peyton B. Winfree, Lehigh, '91, who located a pipe line through the Virginia Mountains to supply Lynchburg with water; Reginald H. Thomson, Hanover, '77, engineer in charge of lowering the general street level of Seattle, Washington; Horace F. Anthony, Iowa State, '05, engineer in charge of construction of the Keokuk Dam on the Mississippi; John C. Snyder, Lehigh, '04, and Francis G. Wrightson, Jr., Lehigh, '06, engineers on the Feather River hydroelectric development; H. Birchard Taylor, Pennsylvania, '05, famous hydraulic engineer; Edward P. Lupfer, Kansas, '95, chief engineer of the peace bridge across the Niagara river.

Here also it might be mentioned that three members of the Stevens chapter, Dwight D. Barnum, '95, John B. Klumpp, '94, and Alexander B. Macbeth, '97, have been honored by being elected president of the American Gas Association.

Among men prominent in business affairs are Milton S. Latham, Washington-Jefferson, '45, who was president of the London and San Francisco Bank for thirteen years; Samuel K. Martin, Beloit, '62, president of the Martin Lumber Company; Edwin Leonard, Jr., Amherst, '84, and H. Sheridan Baketel, Dartmouth, '95, President of Reed & Carnick; John M. Pattison, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, president of the Union Central Life Insurance Company; Bascom H. Robinson, Hanover, '76, president of the Bankers Reserve Life Insurance Company; Reuben W. Millsaps, De Pauw, '54, of Mississippi, who founded Millsaps College; Philip Haxall, Virginia, '60, the flour miller of Richmond, and Archer Anderson, Virginia, '59, of the Tredgar Iron Works at the same place; Almerin R. Sprague, Beloit, '76, president of the California Fruit Exchange; John H. Patterson, Miami, '67, president of the National Cash Register Company; Edw. Ray Speare, Boston, '94, general manager of Alden Speare's Sons Co., of Boston; Alfred R. L. Dohme, Johns Hopkins, '86, the manufacturing chemist of Baltimore, president of the American Pharmaceutical Association; Calvin Wells, Washington Jefferson, '55, of Pittsburgh proprietor of the *Philadelphia Press*; Owen D. Young, St. Lawrence, '94, chairman of the board of the General Electric Company; Frank M. Lay, Amherst, '93, of the Boss Manufacturing Co., largest manufacturers of boys' and men's gloves in the world; Henry S. Dennison, Howard, '99, head of the Dennison Manufacturing Co., Framingham, Mass.; Lucius R. Eastman, Amherst, '95, president of the Hills Brothers Co., in New York, and president of the Merchants Association for several terms; William A. Mayer, California, '87, leading real estate expert of San Francisco; Dexter J. Tight, Denison, '12, president of R. N. Nason Co., paints and varnishes, San Francisco; Charles M. Moderwell, Wooster, '89, leading coal merchant of Chicago; J. Reed Lane, Iowa, '10, president of the Federal Bakeries; Eugene C. Shireman, De Pauw, '97, president of the Grassy Forks Fisheries, Inc.; John R. Thompson, Yale, '17, president of the John R. Thompson Restaurants Co.; Edward A. Deeds, Denison, '97, inventor and manufacturer of the "Delco" products, Dayton, Ohio; Philip Kniskern, Michigan, '11, expert on mortgage bonds, National Security Co. of New York; John R. Simpson, Miami, '99, receiver of the Cuban Cane Sugar Corporation; Charles B. Raymond, Amherst, '88, vice-chairman of the board of the Goodrich Rubber Co.; Tom M. Girdler, Lehigh, '01, chairman of the Republic Steel Corporation; Bertrand H. Snell,



GENERAL SECRETARY BAILY AND DISTRICT CHIEFS, 1928

First row: Marks, Phelps, Moist, Smiley, Whitten. *Second row:* Frankland, Darling, Littell, Baily, Lowmides, Hall. *Third row:* Gutelius, Dawson, Pretzman, Muldrow, Hilliker, Smyth, Frazier.

Amherst, '94, lumber merchant; J. Edward Good, Kenyon, '84, president of the Hardware Supply Co. of Akron; E. J. Noble, Yale, '05, of "Life Savers"; Charles E. Skinner, Ohio State, '90, pioneer in industrial research; Charles Adamson, Pennsylvania, '80, cotton manufacturer.

Among bankers may be noted Dwight W. Morrow, Amherst, '95, of J. P. Morgan Co.; Mortimer L. Schiff, Amherst, '96, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Nelson Dean Jay, Knox, '05, of Morgan & Co. in Paris; Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, vice-president Guaranty Trust Co.; Leonard P. Ayres, Boston, '02, vice-president of the Cleveland Trust Co.; Oscar Wells, Bethany, '92, president First National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, and president of the American Bankers Association.

In the literary field, as in other lines of life, members of the fraternity have won great distinction. "The House by the Side of the Road" was one of a number of poems which gave national fame to Sam Walter Foss, Brown '82. In the compilation of a volume of popular poems where there was a widespread participation this well-known poem was sent in by more persons than any other selection. "Each in His Own Tongue" by William H. Carruth, Kansas '80, is perhaps the most familiar poem of this gifted Kansas professor whose memory is perpetuated in a poetry prize at his Alma Mater. Horace S. Fiske, Beloit, '82, and William Ellery Leonard, Boston, '98, are widely known for their poems. The latter, professor at Wisconsin, has written freely since 1905 when he published "Byron and Byronism in America." Among his volumes may be mentioned, "The Lynching Bee and Other Poems," and "The Red Bird," a 4-act drama of the Winnebago war. The former, in memory of his father, established at the University of Chicago, with which he has been connected for many years, "The John Billings Fiske Prize in Poetry." A good many of his best poems have been about Chicago and things in Chicago. In prose his "Provincial Types in American Fiction" made a favorable impression. "Today for Me, Tomorrow for You" is a sonnet of power. In 1927 he published "Poems on Chicago and Illinois." Charles A. Keeler, California, '93, is widely known for his poems and cantatas for children, California experiences suggesting other writings in verse. His "Evolution of the Colors of American Land Birds" and "San Francisco Through Earthquake and Fire" are other books by Keeler, who has toured the world reciting his original poems. In the field of poetry also some pleasing contributions were made by Frank W. Gunsaulus, Ohio Wesleyan, '75, a prolific writer in many departments, notably in religion, as an essayist, and in the province of history. Wilson Wilberforce Blake, Monmouth, '72, wrote a standard work on Mexico; Charles Henry Smith, Georgia, '48, under the name of "Bill Arp," is the author of several entertaining and descriptive books on life in the southern states; Joseph A. Altscheler, Vanderbilt, '85, is the author of a series of American historical novels of which possibly the best known is "The Sun of Saratoga." Charles F. Embree, Wabash, '96, another novelist, wrote "For the Love of Tonita" and one or two other novels. Samuel Merwin, Northwestern, '00, is one of the best known novelists, his early volumes, "Calumet K" and "The Road to Frontenac," being followed by twenty others which he has published in connection with magazine work, for some years as Associate Editor of *Success*. In preparation for one of his books, "Drugging a Nation," he traveled in China to gain first hand information on the opium traffic. George Fitch, Knox, '97, in his "Siwash Stories" introduced charac-

ters which caught the fancy of a nation and his "demon motor boat" became a widely recognized phrase. A number of volumes on wit and humor made the name of Melville D. Langdon, Colgate, '61, familiar, his pen name "Eli Perkins," being better known. In "The End of an Era," John S. Wise made a valued addition to the literature of the Civil War, also enriched by Gen. John B. Gordon, Georgia, '52, in his "Recollections." William Sloane Kennedy, Miami, '74, is author of important lives of Longfellow, Holmes and Whittier and is widely known for his studies of Walt Whitman and his many magazine articles. Theodore T. Munger, Western Reserve, '51, was the author of "The Freedom of Faith," "On the Threshold," "Lamps and Paths" and other religious books. William Mackintire Salter, Knox, '71, long a popular lecturer on Ethical Culture, has written much along ethical and philosophical lines. Charles Zueblin, Northwestern, '87, was nationally known as writer and lecturer in the field of social reform. Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92, has wide influence as a writer and speaker in the realm of finance.

Among active writers familiar names are Arthur H. Quinn, Pennsylvania, '94, Carl Russell Fish, Brown, '97, Frederick Austin Ogg, DePauw, '99, and Samuel McCune Lindsay, Pennsylvania, '89. The travel books of Frank G. Carpenter, Wooster, '77, are known everywhere. W. A. P. Martin, Indiana, '46, wrote the standard work on "China" and translated many important books into Chinese. "Deadlines," by Henry Justin Smith, Chicago, '96, won instant favor, enriched as it was by his personal experiences in a newspaper office.

The untimely death of Ernest Ashton Smith, Ohio Wesleyan, '88, just as he had become president of the University of Toledo, cut off a writer of much promise. Among his books are "The History of the Confederate Treasury," "Hildebrand the Builder," "The Diplomatic Contest for the Ohio Valley," Martin Ruter, "Bishop Calvin Kingsley," and an exceptional college history, "Allegheny: A Century of Education."

In other connection mention has been made of many men who attracted attention by their writings. Professor John Bascom, Charles W. Shields and James H. Tufts in the field of philosophy; Charles F. Beach and Eugene Wambaugh in law; Hobart A. Hare and Charles H. Leonard in medicine; Rollin D. Salisbury in geology and geography—all have been commanding authorities. In accounting, the books of Henry Rand Hatfield, Northwestern, '92, hold high place.

Among magazine editors Albert Shaw, Johns Hopkins, '84, founder and editor of the *American Monthly Review of Reviews*; Victor S. Clark, Minnesota, '90, editor of *The Living Age*; Arthur S. Hoffman, Ohio State, '97, founder and editor of *Adventure* and *Romance* magazines, are the most prominent, while among contributors William Hard, Northwestern, '00, is well known.

Among newspaper writers mention may be made of a few who are conceded to have more than a local reputation, viz.: John S. McLain, Wabash, '75, editor of the *Minneapolis Journal*; Robert P. Nevins, Washington-Jefferson, '42, of the *Pittsburg Times*; Albert E. Hoyt, Cornell, '88, editor of the *Albany Argus*; George Shipley, Randolph-Macon, '87, editor of the *Baltimore American*; Boyle G. Boyle, Central, '84, editor of the *Louisville Evening Post*; Joseph B. Battelle, Ohio Wesleyan, '68, and Charles Locke Curtis, Cornell, '83, editors of the *Toledo Blade*; George A. Shives, Wooster, '87,

formerly editor of the *St. Louis Chronicle*; James E. Tower, Amherst, '85, editor of *Good Housekeeping*; Joshua T. Owen, Jefferson, '45, who founded the daily law journals of Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York; Oliver B. Munroe, Brown, '88, editor of the *American Wool & Cotton Reporter*; Edw. B. Hook, Bethany, '77, editor of the *Augusta Chronicle*; Granville Walter Barr, DePauw, '83, editor of the *Keokuk Standard* and a well known writer of magazine fiction; Richard Lee Fearn, Stevens, '84, correspondent at Washington for the *New York Tribune*; Louis Garthe, Johns Hopkins, '82, correspondent at Washington for the *Baltimore American*; Frank Julian Warne, Pennsylvania, '96, editor of the *Railway World*; Frederick W. Speers, Johns Hopkins, '88, editor of the *Booklover's Magazine*; Maurice S. Sherman, Dartmouth, '94, editor of the *Springfield Union* and the *Hartford Courant*; Ezra S. Grover, Dartmouth, '97, editor of the *Shoe and Leather Reporter*; John J. McDavid, Cumberland, '55, editor of the *Southern Farmer*; Horatio Gates Wood, Brown, '84, editor of the *Newport Observer*; and Arthur Younger Ford, Brown, '84, editor of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*; Morton M. Milford, Wabash, '04, editor in chief of the Miami, Florida, *Daily News*; Thomas F. Millard, Missouri, '87, internationally recognized authority on oriental history and politics, and founder of *Millard's Review*, Shanghai; James O'Donnell Bennett, Michigan, '93, special writer on the *Chicago Tribune*; Charles H. Spencer, Denison, '92, editor of the Newark, Ohio, *Advocate* and a leader in the association of daily newspapers; William R. Goodwin, DePauw, '83, for many years editor of the *Breeders' Gazette*; William B. Norton, Northwestern, '80, long religious editor of the *Chicago Tribune*; James McI. Thompson, Johns-Hopkins, '97, editor of *New Orleans Item*, and, particularly well known, Leroy Tudor Vernon, Chicago, '00, Washington correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News* and twice president of the famous Gridiron Club.

Jay N. Darling, Beloit, '99, cartoonist of world fame, John H. Perry, Centre, '02, owner of several important newspapers; Edward S. Beck, Michigan, '93, managing editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, Walter A. Strong, Beloit, '05, publisher of the *Chicago Daily News* and Guy C. Earl, Jr., California, '16, publisher of the *Los Angeles Express* also are leaders in newspaper life.

Persons of prominence not mentioned in other connections include: Amory P. Folwell, Brown, '85, president of the American Society for Municipal Improvement; William H. Tolman, Brown, '82, the well known authority on social economy, and director of the American Institute of Social Science; Robert Hunter, Indiana, '96, author of "Poverty" and an authority on social economy; Clyde Furst, Dickinson, '93, secretary of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; Bernard Berenson, Boston, '87, the art critic; Lewis Clinton Strang, Boston, '92, the theatrical critic and author of "Famous Actors and Actresses of America"; Henry O. Dwight, Ohio Wesleyan, '65, author of "Turkish Life in War Time"; William P. Stephens, Rutgers, '73, the authority on Yachts and Yachting; Thomas Allen, Washington, '73, the water color artist of Boston; Benjamin F. Funk, Wittenberg, '72, of the publishing house of Funk & Wagnalls; Charles A. Rich, Dartmouth, '75, and Frederick E. D'Oench, Washington, '74, well known architects of New York City; Robert W. McClaghry, Monmouth, '60, superintendent of the federal penitentiary at Ft. Leavenworth and an authority on penology; Frank P. Hill, Dartmouth, '76, librarian of the Brooklyn Public

Library; Frederick L. Ransome, California, '93, well known geologist; James R. Carnahan, Wabash, '66, Major General of the Knights of Pythias; James G. Campbell, DePauw, '86, founder of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority; George W. Carter, Wesleyan, '92, long general secretary of the New York Bible Society; Edmund L. Kagy, Western Reserve, '11, founder and secretary of Gyro international; Guy Gundaker, Cornell, '96, recent president of Rotary international; Arthur A. McCain, Wabash, '89, Publicity Director of the Tribe of Ben Hur; John R. Henry, Wesleyan, '98, founder and director of the "Church of all Nations," in New York; J. H. Randolph Ray, Columbia, '08, Rector of "The Little Church Around the Corner" in New York; Clifford W. Barnes, California, '89, founder and president of the Chicago Sunday Evening Club; Edward T. Collins, Columbia, '07, noted baseball player; Russell D. Janney, Yale, '06, theatrical producer; and not naming many other members of the fraternity who, by notable success in particular fields, have inspired younger Betas to high endeavor, it is interesting to note that Professor John L. Campbell, Wabash, '48, suggested the Centennial Exposition held at Philadelphia in 1876, and John S. Hougham, Wabash, '46, was its secretary; that Richard Lee Fearn, Stevens, '84, was Secretary of Foreign Affairs at the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893; that David R. Francis, Washington, '70, was the president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1903, and Henry St. George Tucker, Washington-Lee, '75, president of the Jamestown Exposition in 1907.

Among our members who have won high distinction by their zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the following are known to have received the thirty-third degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite: Walter L. Anderson, Iowa, '89; John L. Bates, Boston, '82; Fred D. Cornell, Indiana, '90; Edward A. Deeds, Denison, '97; Joseph W. Freeman, Brown, '85; Frank P. Irvin, De Pauw, '86; Frank C. Jones, Richmond, '93; Henry S. Kissell, Wittenberg, '96; John A. Lacy, Washington and Lee, '72; James T. Lees, Western Reserve, '86; Frank T. Lodge, De Pauw, '84; Frank O. Lowden, Iowa '85; William H. McMaster, Beloit, '99; Rufus E. Melvin, Kansas, '93; Edward E. Nicholson, Nebraska, '94; Charles J. Pretzman, Wittenberg, '86; William H. Scott, Brown, '75; William C. Wheeler, Jr., Beloit, '01; and Edward M. Wilson, Michigan, '91.

In the Military and Naval service we find a smaller representation than in other professions, college men being men of peace. In the Mexican War which broke out soon after the fraternity was founded there were only a few Betas, the war not being popular in the North. There were at least 2 colonels, 1 major, 2 captains, and 2 lieutenants. Lieutenant Daniel McCleary, Miami, '44, who died at Vera Cruz, Mexico, June 23, 1847, won the first gold star on the great service flag of Beta Theta Pi. When the Civil War came in 1861 the active young men North and South flocked to the armies and the fraternity was represented in the Southern army by almost all of its members and in the Northern army by a good majority. It is an inspiration to look at the old rolls of the Centre, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, Ohio, DePauw and Michigan chapters for instance, and see the annotations of patriotic service after practically every name. Founder Michael C. Ryan organized a regiment under a commission from Governor Tod of Ohio and became its colonel, Founder John H. Duncan was a captain in the Confederate army and Founder Thomas B. Gordon also wore the gray and had a confidential position in Johnson's Brigade.

In the Federal army during the war the following were brigadier generals: Joshua T. Owen, Washington & Jefferson, '45; Robert W. Smith, Williams, '50; Halbert E. Paine, Western Reserve, '45; Joshua H. Bates, Cincinnati, '42; Thomas Greene Mitchell, Cincinnati, '40; Stanley Matthews, Cincinnati, '40; B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '46; Charles C. Gilbert, Ohio, '43, and Frank Askew, Michigan, '58. In addition there were 39 colonels, 27 lieutenant colonels, 19 majors, 72 captains, 31 first lieutenants, 13 second lieutenants, 33 non-commissioned officers, 19 chaplains, and 85 privates.

In the Confederate army, there were two major generals, John B. Gordon, Georgia, '52, and Butler P. Anderson, Washington & Jefferson, '49, and three brigadier generals, Edward L. Tracy, Georgia, '51, Edward L. Thomas, Emory, '46, and Humphrey Marshall, Transylvania, '45. There were also 18 colonels, 14 lieutenant colonels, 22 majors, 75 captains, 37 first lieutenants, 18 second lieutenants, 22 non-commissioned officers, 13 chaplains and 113 privates. Among the Confederates were William Gay Strange, Virginia, '55, professor in the little known Confederate States Naval Academy; William Allan, Virginia, '60, the military authority and writer, and Robert A. Hardaway, Emory, '47, who commanded "Hardaway's Battalion."

In the Northern Navy there were 2 commanders, 4 lieutenant commanders and a number of officers of a lower grade. In the Southern Navy there was 1 lieutenant. In the Northern Army 11 were reported killed in battle and in the Southern Army 52, out of a total in both armies of about 700 members, 347 in the Union and 337 in the Confederate. In 1861 there were only 1,362 individuals in the fraternity the number being 1,580 by 1865, so that about one half of the members were in the service. The total membership of the South Carolina (20) and Oglethorpe (14) chapters was 34, of whom 25 were in the Confederate Army.

In the Spanish-American War at least 150 Betas had a part. A list checked and corrected by Major Thomas M. Spalding, Michigan, '02, and Captain George M. Chandler, Michigan, '98, shows: 3 colonels, 5 majors, 16 captains, 24 lieutenants, 14 sergeants, 8 corporals, 62 privates, 1 chaplain, 3 special, with no complete reports from the chapters. Floyd B. Cramer, Missouri, '98, died in Camp Thomas, Georgia, September 7, 1898, Arthur B. Morse, Maine, '01, died of fever in August, 1898, and John F. Loehr, Ohio State, '96, and Nathaniel B. Adset, Harvard '00, also died in the war. A little later in 1900 Roy Lynde Fernald, Maine, '96, who remained in the service was drowned in the Philippines.

The complete and authoritative records of the World War have not yet been compiled. With five chapters not represented by accurate figures, there were 6,287 Betas in the war not counting 112 in non-military work, such as Y.W.C.A., Red Cross, Food Administration, Belgium Relief and the like. The record of official rank is not as complete as the number of participants. But there were at least 2 major-generals, 3 brigadier-generals, 26 colonels, 26 lieutenant colonels, 115 majors, 348 captains, 679 first lieutenants, 868 second lieutenants, 87 lieutenants (not designated), 153 sergeants, 60 corporals, 11 chaplains, 16 minor officers, 1 admiral, 1 rear admiral, 6 lieutenant commanders, 4 captains, 196 ensigns, 14 lieutenants (senior), 26 lieutenants (junior), a total of 2,642 officers. In this summary five chapters are not represented and the lists reported from several others were noted as incomplete. At least 153 members made the supreme sacrifice, among them

Brigadier-General Edward Sigerfoos, Ohio State, '91, the highest ranking officer in the American Army to lose his life. Among those who died was Lieutenant Maurice Edward Malone, Toronto, '17, affectionately known as "Mike" whose great words as he was dying, "Never mind me: Carry on," had tremendous power in stirring the hearts of his compatriots and his brothers.

RHODES SCHOLARS

The first members of the fraternity appointed to Rhodes Scholarships were Stanley K. Hornbeck, Colorado, '05, Joel M. Johanson, University of Washington, '04 and Earle W. Murray, Kansas, '04. The first four Rhodes Scholars from the State of Idaho were charter members of the Idaho chapter, that is of the local from which the chapter developed. The list of appointees probably is defective, as some chapters may have failed to report names, but it is printed with the hope that omissions may be noted and proper corrections made. The information regarding the Scholars is not uniform, but it is printed as furnished:

Jasper Dexter Bennett, Yale, '22, from Wyoming.
 Armstead Boothe, Virginia, '28, from Virginia, 1928.
 Bertrand Harris Bronson, Michigan, '21.
 Henry Van Anda Bruchholz, Minnesota, '11, from Minnesota, 1913-1915.
 Herbert Eugene Clefton, Minnesota, '17, from Minnesota, 1920-1923.
 William Johnston Cocke, Jr., North Carolina, '25, from North Carolina, Merton College.
 Toney Taylor Crooks, Idaho, '09, from Idaho, 1910-1913, medicine, Hertford College, B.A. Oxon, 1913.
 George Henry Curtis, Idaho, '09, from Idaho, 1908-1911, literæ humaniores, B. A. Oxon, 1911.
 Robert Franklin Davidson, Davidson, '23, from South Carolina, Christ Church College.
 Edward Patrick Francis Egan, Denver, '21.
 Bergen Evans, Miami, '24, from Ohio, 1928.
 Ludwig Sherman Gerlough, Idaho, '09, from Idaho, 1911-1914, modern languages, Jesus College, B.A. Oxon, 1914.
 Paul Kirby Hennessy, Virginia, '26, from Montana, Brasenose College.
 Stanley Kuhl Hornbeck, Colorado, '05, B.A. Oxon, 1907.
 Ralph Merle Hower, Kansas, '25, from Kansas, Pembroke College.
 Joseph Tomlinson Hunt, Missouri, '20, from Arkansas, 1921-1924.
 Drane Lester, Mississippi, '27, from Mississippi.
 Norman Littell, Wabash, '20, from Indiana, 1920-1923.
 McKean Fitch Morrow, Idaho, '08, from Idaho, 1907-1910, B.A. Oxon, 1910.
 Earle Walter Murray, Kansas, '04, from Kansas, 1904-1907.
 James Insley Osborne, Wabash, '07, 1911-1914.
 Charles Smith Parker, Jr., Missouri, '27, English.
 Arch Perrin, Stanford, '06.
 Paul E. Pfuetze, Kansas State, '28, from Kansas.
 Claude Albert Piper, Wabash, '07, 1908-1911.
 Llewellyn G. Railsback, University of Washington, '07, Classical Literature.
 Albert Kitchell Whallon, Hanover, '05, 1907-1910. B.A. Oxon, 1910.

In the days ahead it is thus that

"—honor shall come to the badge that we wear,
 And every true Beta that honor shall share."

CHAPTER XXI

OFFICIALS OF THE FRATERNITY

TOGETHER WITH SOME NOTES ON CHAPTER NAMES

The fraternity has grown strong through the devoted service of many faithful members. Not all of these have been national officers. Each chapter has its list of absolute dependables. Each alumni association has a similar group of interested workers. While it is impracticable to indicate these loyal individuals it is possible to give the official roster from the beginning.

The first president of Beta Theta Pi was Founder John Holt Duncan, *Miami*, '40. He was chosen some time before the first formal meeting on August 8, 1839, and presided on that occasion. He was succeeded by Founder Thomas Boston Gordon, *Miami*, '40, second president. The head of the Miami chapter continued titular head of Beta Theta Pi until the Convention of 1847 adopted the Presiding Chapter plan. This continued in operation until 1879, so that whoever was president of a Presiding Chapter during that period was, in effect, president of the fraternity. These specially designated chapters were:

Presiding Chapters.

- 1847-48. Alpha, *Miami*.
- 1848-51. Beta, *Western Reserve*.
- 1851-54. Gamma, *Jefferson*.
- 1854-56. Delta, *De Pauw*.
- 1856-60. Zeta, *Hampden-Sydney*.
- 1860-64. Theta, *Ohio Wesleyan*.
- 1864-65. Lambda, *Michigan*.
- 1865-66. Iota, *Hanover*.
- 1866-67. Kappa, *Ohio*.
- 1867-68. Mu, *Cumberland*.
- 1868-69. Xi, *Knox*.
- 1869-70. Omicron, *Virginia*.
- 1870-71. Pi, *Indiana*.
- 1871-72. Rho, *Washington and Lee*.
- 1872-73. Tau, *Wabash*.
- 1873-75. Alpha Alpha, *Monmouth*.
- 1875-76. Delta, *De Pauw*.
- 1876-77. Lambda, *Michigan*.
- 1877-78. Alpha Lambda, *Wooster*.
- 1878-79. Alpha Gamma, *Wittenberg*.

In 1879 a new government through a Board of Directors went into operation. With some changes it continued until 1897. Because of a supposed requirement of the law of Ohio under which the fraternity was organized, that the directors should reside in one state or locality, most of the directors were chosen from members living in or near Cincinnati. The directors were:

Directors.

- John W. Herron, *Miami*, 1879-95.
- John I. Covington, *Miami*, 1879-91; 1892-95.
- Wyllys C. Ransom, *Michigan*, 1879-85; 1894-97.
- Thad. A. Reamy, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1879-95.

Olin R. Brouse, *De Pauw*, 1879-84.
 William F. Boyd, *Ohio*, 1879-95.
 David H. Moore, *Ohio*, 1879-80; 1892-93.
 R. Harvey Young, *Washington and Jefferson*, 1879-84; 1891-95.
 Augustus D. Lynch, *De Pauw*, 1879-80; 1895-97.
 Sylvester G. Williams, *Ohio Wesleyan University*, 1880-83.
 William P. Watson, *Rutgers*, 1880-83.
 William B. Burnett, *Iowa*, 1883-86.
 Peleg E. Aldrich, *Harvard*, 1883-86.
 John R. Knox, *Miami*, 1884-95.
 Willis O. Robb, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1884-89.
 Robert W. Smith, *Williams*, 1885-90.
 Charles J. Seaman, *Denison*, 1886-89.
 Charles M. Hepburn, *Virginia*, 1886-95.
 Eugene Wambaugh, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1889-90; 1892-93.
 George Hoadly, *Western Reserve*, 1889-92.
 David W. McClung, *Miami*, 1890-95.
 Frank M. Joyce, *De Pauw*, 1890-95.
 Edgar W. Runyan, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1893-95.
 Walter L. Tobey, *Miami*, 1893-96.
 William H. Siebert, *Ohio State*, 1893-95.
 J. Cal. Hanna, *Wooster*, 1893-94.
 Ralph K. Jones, *Maine*, 1893-94.
 Charles L. Thornburg, *Vanderbilt*, 1893-94.
 John K. Peebles, *Virginia*, 1892-93.
 Albert S. Berry, *Miami*, 1892-93.
 Frank H. Scott, *Northwestern*, 1892-93.
 E. Bruce Chandler, *Michigan*, 1894-97.
 A. Newton Grant, *Michigan*, 1895-97.
 Willard H. Austin, *Cornell*, 1895-97.
 Warrington K. L. Warwick, *Kenyon*, 1895-97.
 Willis Boughton, *Michigan*, 1895-97.
 John J. Lentz, *Wooster*, 1895-97.
 James L. de Fremery, *California*, 1895-97.
 William O. Mussey, *Cincinnati*, 1895-96.
 Henry A. Williams, *Wittenberg*, 1895-97.
 Campbell J. McDiarmid, *Cincinnati*, 1895-97.
 Marshall P. Drury, *Knox*, 1896-97.
 Harry C. Hays, *Cincinnati*, 1897-97.
 William A. Hamilton, *Northwestern*, 1897-97.

Under the Directorate the chairman of the body, selected by the members, was, ex-officio, president of the fraternity, but he had no special authority by virtue of that position. These ex-officio presidents were:

John Williamson Herron, *Miami*, '45, 1879-1893.
 John Reily Knox, *Miami*, '39, 1893-1894.
 Thaddeus Asbury Reamy, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '70, 1894-1895.
 Wyllys Cadwell Ransom, *Michigan*, '48, 1895-1897.

In 1892 the Executive Committee was created. It never had but three members.

Executive Committee.

J. Cal. Hanna, 1892-97.
 Charles L. Thornburg, 1892-97.
 Ralph K. Jones, 1892-97.

In 1897 the government through a Board of Trustees was inaugurated. The six trustees include ex-officio, the President, General Secretary and General Treasurer. The Convention of 1924 provided that the other three Trustees might be designated Vice-President, with special duties assigned by the Board.

Presidents of the Fraternity.

William A. Hamilton, *Northwestern*, '79, 1897-1900; 1906-1912.
 John Calvin Hanna, *Wooster*, '81, 1900-03.
 Willis O. Robb, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '79, 1903-06.
 Francis H. Sisson, *Knox*, '92, 1912-1918.
 Francis W. Shepardson, *Denison*, '82, 1918—.

Vice-Presidents.

H. Sheridan Baketel, *Dartmouth*, '95, 1925-1926.
 John Allan Blair, *Wabash*, '93, 1925—.
 Frank G. Ensign, *Beloit*, '00, 1925-1928.
 Stratford L. Morton, *Washington*, '10, 1926-1929.
 Dunlap C. Clark, *Chicago*, '17, 1927—.
 Gordon S. Smyth, *Pennsylvania*, '18, 1929—.

A list showing members of the Board of Trustees, omitting those who were serving at the time as President, General Secretary or General Treasurer, is as follows:

Trustees.

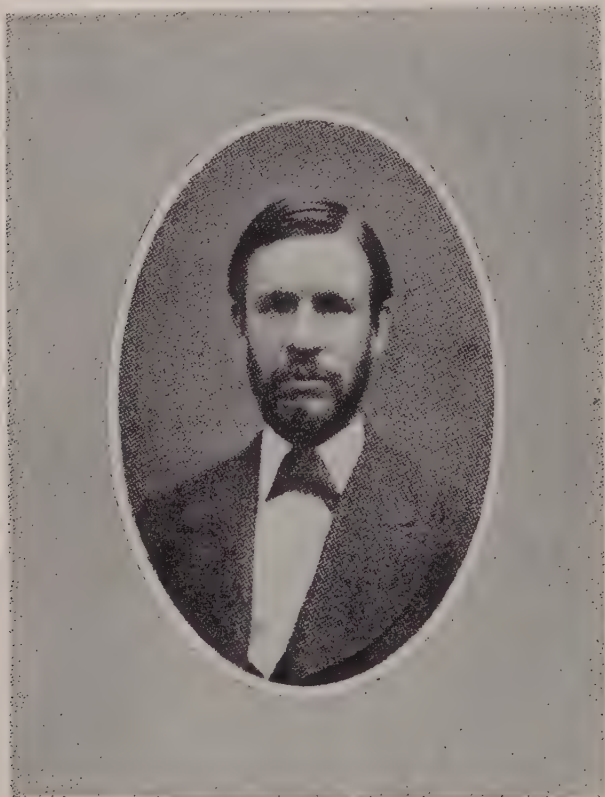
Willis O. Robb, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1897-1903.
 Francis H. Sisson, *Knox*, 1897-1898; 1907-1912; 1918-1919.
 Campbell J. McDiarmid, *Cincinnati*, 1897-1901.
 Charles L. Thornburg, *Vanderbilt*, 1898-1899.
 J. Cal. Hanna, *Wooster*, 1899-1900; 1903-1906.
 William A. Hamilton, *Northwestern*, 1900-1905.
 H. Walton Mitchell, *Pennsylvania State*, 1901-1904.
 Robert M. Thompson, *Minnesota*, 1904-1910.
 Stanley E. Gunnison, *St. Lawrence*, 1905-1910.
 Francis W. Shepardson, *Denison*, 1906-1907.
 Roger Wolcott, *Yale*, 1910-1914.
 Clarence L. Newton, *Wesleyan*, 1910-1924.
 George M. Chandler, *Michigan*, 1912-1918.
 William L. Graves, *Ohio State*, 1914-1917.
 J. Harold Ryan, *Yale*, 1917-1920.
 John R. Simpson, *Miami*, 1919-1924.
 Morris R. Ebersole, *Cincinnati*, 1920-1923.
 H. Sheridan Baketel, *Dartmouth*, 1923-1926.
 Frank G. Ensign, *Beloit*, 1924-1927.
 John A. Blair, *Wabash*, 1925—.
 Stratford L. Morton, *Washington*, '10, 1926-1929.
 Dunlap C. Clark, *Chicago*, 1927—.
 Gordon S. Smyth, *Pennsylvania*, 1929—.

The office of General Secretary in Beta Theta Pi was established by the Convention of 1872, held in Richmond, Virginia. It was a child of necessity. The Fraternity had been literally stumbling along in its administration. Authority was vested in the undergraduate chapter, selected for the year as the presiding chapter. Weak and inefficient as such an administration would naturally be, it was rendered even more wretched by the custom of rotation which grew up. Chapters took their turn at presiding, the qualification for service being that Beta followed Alpha and Gamma succeeded Beta in the alphabet.

The creation of the office of General Secretary was one of the first halting steps toward our present highly organized government. The minutes of the Convention seem to indicate that the action taken in establishing the position was somewhat like that depicted where the camel got its nose inside the tent. In the background seems to have been the generalized "presiding chapter," jealous of its prerogatives. The report of the Committee on Constitution included a resolution:

"That the Constitution be so amended that the secretary of the annual Convention shall be the executive officer and depository of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity for the succeeding year, and until his successor be appointed, and shall be called the General Secretary, provided said secretary shall do no official acts without the approval of the presiding chapter."

As Charles Duy Walker was the Convention Secretary, he became by this resolution the first General Secretary. Like every good revolutionary leader he began at once to make his impress on things. His circular letters



CHARLES DUY WALKER

First General Secretary; Founder of the Magazine.

which have been preserved show ambition, vision and force. He felt the need of a means of communication with the chapters. The result was the *Beta Theta Pi*, of which he was the founder and the first editor. Charles Duy Walker unquestionably deserves a place among the Builders of Beta Theta Pi.

But mere fiat did not make the General Secretaryship. The constitutional method of selection and the constitutional limitation of authority both made for weakness. Of the twelve individuals who have held the office in a half century, six served in the first seven years of its history. Only one of these, besides Walker, left any constructive legacy to Beta Theta Pi.

One of them, it is true, Joseph Rucker Lamar, brought great honor to the Fraternity; but that came through service as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. It was Edward John Brown, 1878-1881, who began the era of real accomplishment by General Secretaries. His administration saw the union with Alpha Sigma Chi and was further marked by the abandonment of the weak presiding chapter system in favor of alumni control of Beta Theta Pi. When his term ended, the office he vacated had been established nine years.

In the forty-six years since 1881 there have been six General Secretaries: Eugene Wambaugh, now emeritus professor of Law at Harvard University, 1881-1884; John Calvin Hanna, now Illinois State Supervisor of High Schools, 1884-1899; Francis Hinckley Sisson, now Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York, 1899-1907; Francis Wayland Shepardson, now President of the Fraternity, 1907-1917; George Howard Bruce, 1917-1926, now professor in the Horace Mann School for Boys in New York, and 1926- Harold James Baily, New York attorney.

Now, after more than half a century, the hesitant authority of 1872 has given place to great power. Indeed the consciousness of great power makes every occupant of the position humble, fearful lest by some personal blunder he bring harm to Beta Theta Pi. It is a place of great friendships. For the General Secretary and his District Chiefs are bound together by strong ties while working together in this altruistic service. It is a place of great human influence. For many a lad who knows the Secretary only in the bonds of the Fraternity comes a thousand miles, through the mails, to seek advice and counsel on personal problems, or at the conventions craves a chance for conversation with the one he counts a leader. And through untiring, continuous, unselfish labor of earnest, faithful leaders like these Beta Theta Pi grew strong. Their pervading influence will be eternal.

General Secretaries.

Charles Duy Walker, *Virginia Military*, 1872-1873.
 Amandus N. Grant, *De Pauw*, 1873-1874.
 Darwin H. Cheney, *Northwestern*, 1875-1876.
 George C. Rankin, *Monmouth*, 1876-1877.
 Joseph R. Lamar, *Bethany*, 1877-1878.
 Edward J. Brown, *Hanover*, 1878-1881.
 Eugene Wambaugh, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1881-1884.
 John Calvin Hanna, *Wooster*, 1884-1899.
 Francis H. Sisson, *Knox*, 1899-1907.
 Francis W. Shepardson, *Denison*, 1907-1917.
 George H. Bruce, *Centre*, 1917-1926.
 Harold J. Baily, *Amherst*, 1926—.

General Treasurers.

John I. Covington, *Miami*, 1872-1873; 1884-1891.
 R. Harvey Young, *Washington and Jefferson*, 1873-1876; 1879-1884; 1891-1892.
 George M. Hahn, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1876-1877.
 Olin R. Brouse, *De Pauw*, 1877-1879.
 Charles L. Thornburg, *Vanderbilt*, 1892-1898.
 Francis H. Sisson, *Knox*, 1898-1899.
 Warren D. Oakes, *De Pauw*, 1899-1904.
 James L. Gavin, *De Pauw*, 1904—.

Keeper of the Rolls.

William H. Siebert, *Ohio State*, 1893-1896.
 Charles T. Herbert, *Ohio State*, 1896-1899.
 George M. Chandler, *Michigan*, 1899-1906.

James T. Brown, *Cornell*, 1906-1928.

George H. Bruce, *Centre*—1928-1929.

Other officials, no longer chosen, were:

Alumni Secretaries.

W. C. Ransom, 1885-1889.

George C. Manly, 1889-1892.

Ralph K. Jones, 1892-1897.

College Secretaries.

W. G. Hyde, 1886-1887-1888.

Frank S. Kershaw, 1888-1889.

Charles P. Sigerfoos, 1889-1891.

H. A. Williams, 1891-1892.



WILLIS O. ROBB, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '79

President of the Fraternity, 1903-1906; Editor of the Fraternity Magazine for several years; Representative of the Fraternity at the National Inter-Fraternity Conference since its establishment.

Catalogue Secretary.

W. H. Siebert, 1892-1893.

THE DISTRICTS OF THE FRATERNITY.

Throughout the literature of the fraternity there is constant reference to the Districts into which the chapters have been grouped geographically.

Beta Theta Pi was the first fraternity to adopt such an arrangement of chapters, for purposes of administration. Now every fraternity of any size follows the same plan. The districts were first established in 1873 by General Secretary Walker and were arranged as follows:

- I. Centre, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio, Washington and Jefferson, Wittenberg, Denison, Wooster.
- II. De Pauw, Hanover, Indiana, Wabash.
- III. Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, Washington and Lee, Bethany, V.M.I., Richmond, Howard, Randolph-Macon.
- IV. Beloit, Monmouth, Westminster, Wisconsin, Northwestern.
- V. Kansas, Trinity (Tex.).

In 1874 Districts IV and V were changed as follows:

- IV. Beloit, Monmouth, Wisconsin and Northwestern.
- V. Westminster, Washington (Mo.), Kansas, Trinity.

In 1876 they were re-arranged.

III was changed to I, I to II, II to III, Michigan and Chicago were added to IV, and Iowa Wesleyan to V. Later in the year, Denison and Dickinson were added to II.

In 1877 the William and Mary chapter was added to I and the Boston University chapter changed to V after Kansas. Later in the year Boston was changed to II, so that at the end of the year 1877 they stood:

- I. Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, Washington and Lee, Bethany, V.M.I., Randolph-Macon, William and Mary, Virginia State.
- II. Centre, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio, Washington and Jefferson, Wittenberg, Wooster, Dickinson, Boston.
- III. De Pauw, Hanover, Indiana and Wabash.
- IV. Michigan, Beloit, Monmouth, Wisconsin, Northwestern.
- V. Westminster, Iowa Wesleyan, Washington (Mo.), Trinity, Kansas.

They remained practically unchanged in this arrangement until the fall of 1879 except that Johns Hopkins was added to I, and Butler to III.

In 1879 when the Alpha Sigma Chi Chapters were admitted Districts II, III, IV and V were renumbered III, IV, V and VI and a new district II was created comprising Washington and Jefferson, Dickinson, Boston, Rutgers, Cornell, Stevens, St. Lawrence, and Maine. Kenyon was added to new District III, Mississippi to IV and California to VI.

At the opening of the college year 1880, a further arrangement was made into seven districts, as follows:

- I. Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, Bethany, V.M.I., Richmond, Randolph-Macon, Virginia State, Johns Hopkins.
- II. Harvard, Brown, Boston, Maine.
- III. Washington and Jefferson, Stevens, Pennsylvania, Dickinson, Rutgers, Cornell, St. Lawrence.
- IV. Ohio, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg, Denison, Wooster and Kenyon.
- V. De Pauw, Centre, Hanover, Cumberland, Indiana, Wabash, Butler, Mississippi.
- VI. Michigan, Beloit, Wisconsin, Northwestern.
- VII. California, Iowa, Westminster, Iowa Wesleyan, Kansas, Trinity.

When Eugene Wambaugh became General Secretary he divided the chapters into nine districts, as follows:

- I. Harvard, Brown, Boston, Maine.

- II. Union, Stevens, Columbia, Rutgers, Cornell, St. Lawrence, Colgate.
- III. Washington and Jefferson, Pennsylvania, Bethany, Dickinson, Johns Hopkins.
- IV. Hampden-Sydney, Randolph-Macon, Virginia, Richmond.
- V. Centre, Cumberland, Mississippi.
- VI. Ohio, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg, Denison, Wooster, Kenyon, Western Reserve.
- VII. De Pauw, Hanover, Indiana, Wabash.



EUGENE WAMBAUGH, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '75

General Secretary of the Fraternity, 1881-4; Editor
of the Fraternity Magazine, 1885-6

- VIII. Northwestern, Beloit, Iowa, Iowa Wesleyan, Wisconsin.
- IX. California, Westminster, Kansas.

This arrangement remained the same, so far as the geographical grouping was concerned, for many years, except for additions, although Bethany was moved into District VI and Michigan into VII.

At the close of the college year 1896-7 the following was the arrangement:

- I. Harvard, Brown, Boston, Maine, Amherst, Dartmouth, Wesleyan, Yale.

- II. Rutgers, Cornell, Stevens, St. Lawrence, Colgate, Union, Columbia, Syracuse.
- III. Washington and Jefferson, Pennsylvania, Dickinson, Johns Hopkins, Pennsylvania State, Lehigh.
- IV. Hampden-Sydney, North Carolina, Virginia, Davidson.
- V. Centre, Cumberland, Mississippi, Vanderbilt, Texas.
- VI. Miami, Cincinnati, Western Reserve, Ohio, Bethany, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg, Denison, Wooster, Kenyon, Ohio State.
- VII. De Pauw, Indiana, Michigan, Wabash, Hanover.
- VIII. Knox, Beloit, Iowa, Chicago, Iowa Wesleyan, Wisconsin, Northwestern, Minnesota.
- IX. Westminster, Kansas, California, Denver, Nebraska, Missouri, Stanford.

In the fall of 1897 a few changes were made. Michigan was changed from VII to VIII and California and Stanford were taken from IX and formed into a new district X.

Down to the fall of 1906 this distribution continued with the necessary additions. Bowdoin was added to I, West Virginia and Case to VI, Purdue to VII, Illinois and Iowa State to VIII, Colorado to IX and Washington State to X.

The General Secretary then thought it wise to divide Districts I and II and VI and to re-arrange some of the others, the new grouping being:

- I. Amherst, Boston, Bowdoin, Brown, Dartmouth, Maine.
- II. Columbia, Rutgers, Stevens, Wesleyan, Yale.
- III. Colgate, Cornell, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Toronto, Union.
- IV. Dickinson, Johns Hopkins, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State, Washington and Jefferson.
- V. Davidson, Hampden-Sydney, North Carolina, Virginia.
- VI. Central, Texas, Vanderbilt.
- VII. Bethany, Cincinnati, Miami, Ohio, Ohio State, West Virginia, Wittenberg.
- VIII. Case, Denison, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Western Reserve, Wooster.
- IX. De Pauw, Hanover, Indiana, Purdue, Wabash.
- X. Beloit, Chicago, Illinois, Knox, Michigan, Northwestern, Wisconsin.
- XI. Iowa, Iowa State, Iowa Wesleyan, Minnesota, Nebraska.
- XII. Colorado, Denver, Kansas, Missouri, Washington, Westminster.
- XIII. California, Stanford, Washington State.

The expansion and contraction of the next decade brought gradual changes in the districts. In a general way the New England chapters were put in two districts and the other chapters were arranged in groups from North to South, and there was a steady tendency to make the districts smaller and more compact as the demands upon the District Chief became greater under constantly increasing administrative requirements. In 1917, when General Secretary Shepardson finished his ten-year term, the arrangement was:

- I. Bowdoin, Brown, Maine, Massachusetts Institute.
- II. Amherst, Dartmouth, Wesleyan, Williams, Yale.
- III. Colgate, Cornell, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Toronto, Union.
- IV. Columbia, Rutgers, Stevens.
- V. Dickinson, Johns Hopkins, Lehigh, Pennsylvania.

- VI. Bethany, Pennsylvania State, Washington and Jefferson, West Virginia.
- VII. Davidson, North Carolina, Virginia.
- VIII. Case, Denison, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Western Reserve.
- IX. Centre, Cincinnati, Miami, Ohio, Ohio State, Wittenberg.
- X. De Pauw, Hanover, Indiana, Purdue, Wabash.
- XI. Beloit, Chicago, Illinois, Knox, Michigan, Northwestern, Wisconsin.
- XII. Oklahoma, Texas, Tulane.
- XIII. Iowa, Iowa State, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota.
- XIV. Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Vanderbilt, Washington, Westminster.
- XV. Colorado, Colorado College, Colorado Mines, Denver, Utah.
- XVI. Idaho, Oregon, University of Washington, Whitman.
- XVII. California, Stanford.

Some of these districts covered too much territory geographically and in two or three instances the assignment of a chapter was more or less artificial. During his three terms General Secretary Bruce practically perfected the system, large districts being divided and somewhat isolated chapters being better placed. In 1930 the districts stood as follows:

- I. Bowdoin, Brown, Maine, Massachusetts Institute.
- II. Amherst, Dartmouth, Wesleyan, Williams, Yale.
- III. Colgate, St. Lawrence, Union.
- IV. Cornell, Syracuse, Toronto.
- V. Columbia, Rutgers, Stevens.
- VI. Dickinson, Johns Hopkins, Lehigh, Pennsylvania.
- VII. Bethany, Carnegie, Pennsylvania State, Washington and Jefferson, West Virginia.
- VIII. Davidson, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington-Lee.
- IX. Case, Denison, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Western Reserve.
- X. Ohio, Ohio State, Wittenberg.
- XI. Centre, Cincinnati, Miami.
- XII. De Pauw, Hanover, Indiana, Purdue, Wabash.
- XIII. Georgia Tech, Mississippi, Tulane, Vanderbilt.
- XIV. Chicago, Illinois, Michigan.
- XV. Beloit, Knox, Northwestern, Wisconsin.
- XVI. Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota.
- XVII. Iowa, Iowa State, Nebraska.
- XVIII. Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Washington, Westminster.
- XIX. Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas.
- XX. Colorado, Colorado College, Colorado Mines, Denver.
- XXI. Idaho, Utah, Washington State, Whitman.
- XXII. Oregon, Oregon State, University of Washington.
- XXIII. California, California (at Los Angeles), Stanford.

A list of District Chiefs is published in each issue of the fraternity magazine, and from time to time a cumulative list has been printed. The roster which follows is based upon lists made at different times and published in the fraternity magazine.

District Chiefs.

- Abbott, Hugh, *St. Lawrence*, '03.
 Adams, Edward A., *Brown*, '12.
 Adams, Howard W., *Indiana*, '06.
 Aiken, Albert C., *California*, '92.
 Allen, Edwin P., *Brown*, '83.
 Alexander, Paul J., *Washington and Jefferson*, '00.
 Appenzellar, Paul, *Dickinson*, '95.
 Arnold, Wilfred, *Knox*, '94.
 Atkins, Robert B., *Wittenberg*, '27.
 Bailey, G. Irving, *Amherst*, '17.
 Baily, Harold J., *Amherst*, '08.
 Baird, William Raimond, *Stevens*, '78.
 Baker, Franklin T., *Dickinson*, '85.
 Baketel, H. Sheridan, *Dartmouth*, '95.
 Barclay, Thomas S., *Missouri*, '15.
 Beam, Henry G., *Kenyon*, '08.
 Beam, T. L., *Bethany*, '99.
 Benedict, George E., *Kenyon*, '84.
 Bennett, Bertram W., *Knox*, '20.
 Benton, Charles A., *Westminster*, '79.
 Bigelow, Henry J., *Colgate*, '11.
 Bingham, Randolph V., *Stanford*, '18.
 Bird, Adriel U., *Bowdoin*, '16.
 Black, Gurdon G., *Washington*, '01.
 Blair, John Allan, *Wabash*, '93.
 Blodgett, John T., *Brown*, '80.
 Bloom, David H., *Northwestern*, '85.
 Bond, Harry B., *Vanderbilt*, '90.
 Bonnifield, A. Day, *Iowa Wesleyan*, '02.
 Boynton, Paul W., *Syracuse*, '22.
 Branham, William C., *Vanderbilt*, '87.
 Briggs, Harry Lee, *Centre*, '85.
 Brilles, Charles S., *Wooster*, '92.
 Brooks, Seth R., *St. Lawrence*, '22.
 Brouse, Olin R., *De Pauw*, '66.
 Brown, Charles T., *Ohio Wesleyan*, '80.
 Brown, Jo Baily, *Centre*, '07.
 Brown, Robert D., *Kansas*, '92.
 Bruce, George Howard, *Centre*, '99.
 Cabell, Walter C., *Richmond*, '94.
 Campbell, Clarence G., *Boston*, '05.
 Campbell, Henry C. V. M., *Hampden-Sydney*, '86.
 Campbell, James G., *De Pauw*, '86.
 Cansler, John S., *North Carolina*, '14.
 Carey, Charles H., *Denison*, '81.
 Carlough, David J., *Wesleyan*, '92.
 Carrington, Richard W., *Hampden-Sydney*, '07.
 Case, James A., *Michigan*, '84.
 Chandler, George M., *Michigan*, '98.
 Charles, Benjamin H., *Westminster*, '85.
 Chessman, Merle R., *Oregon*, '09.
 Chism, Mark E., *Centre*, '00.
 Clark, Dunlap C., *Chicago*, '17.
 Clark, George L., *De Pauw*, '14.
 Clarke, Norborne R., *Howard*, '83.
 Cogswell, Robert C., *Illinois*, '11.
 Coker, James L., Jr., *Stevens*, '88.
 Conover, Fred K., *Wisconsin*, '78.
 Conover, Lawrence P., *Wisconsin*, '85.
 Cook, Finlay, *California*, '88.
 Cook, Seymour S., *Wisconsin*, '88.
 Courtney, Robert W., *Rutgers*, '99.

- Covington, John I., *Miami*, '70.
 Crittenden, Rogers, *Missouri*, '19.
 Crooks, Floyd S., *Ohio*, '06.
 Curry, Manly B., *Richmond*, '79.
 Cushman, Charles G., *Maine*, '89.
 Daniels, Parke, *Wabash*, '87.
 Darling, Charles H., *Idaho*, '20.
 Dawson, William W., *Ohio Wesleyan*, '14.
 Deckman, Edward J., *Denison*, '04.
 Dennison, Walter E., *Ohio Wesleyan*, '77.
 Dew, Samuel A., *Missouri*, '06.
 Dohme, Alfred R. L., *Johns Hopkins*, '86.
 Downs, Albert C., *Kenyon*, '81.
 Doyle, William B., *Amherst*, '90.
 Durham, Knowlton, *Columbia*, '01.
 Durham, Lee S., *De Pauw*, '92.
 Dunkle, Eli, *Ohio*, '77.
 Dunn, George A., *Boston*, '89.
 Ebersole, Morris R., *Cincinnati*, '98.
 Echlin, Henry M., *Northwestern*, '92.
 Ellis, Joseph B., *Vanderbilt*, '85.
 Elliott, Thompson C., *Amherst*, '85.
 Ewing, Claude M., *Indiana*, '16.
 Ewing, Sherrard, *Washington and Jefferson*, '05.
 Farnham, John H., *Syracuse*, '16.
 Field, James G., *Richmond*, '80.
 Fitzhenry, Newman L., *Chicago*, '05.
 Fitzhugh, Guston T., *Mississippi*, '86.
 Fleager, Harry A., *Northwestern*, '04.
 Flory, Walter Leroy, *Denison*, '03.
 Forbes, Arthur E., *St. Lawrence*, '85.
 Francis, Charles I., *Texas*, '15.
 Frankland, Charles F., *University of Washington*, '22.
 Frazier, Robert H., *North Carolina*, '19.
 Fullerton, Robert, Jr., *Iowa*, '07.
 Gavin, James L., *De Pauw*, '06.
 Gerlough, Jean P., *Idaho*, '16.
 Gilchrist, J. W. Stuart, *Davidson*, '15.
 Gipe, James C., *Wisconsin*, '06.
 Goodwin, John S., *De Pauw*, '77.
 Gorrill, William H., *California*, '95.
 Graham, Robert S., *Hampden-Sidney*, '02.
 Grant, Amandus N., *De Pauw*, '74.
 Graves, William L., *Ohio State*, '93.
 Greenewalt, Samuel E., *Wittenberg*, '84.
 Gregg, Clifford C., *Cincinnati*, '17.
 Gudger, Francis A., *North Carolina*, '98.
 Gunderson, Norman, *Brown*, '86.
 Gunnison, Stanley E., *St. Lawrence*, '99.
 Gutelius, Charles B., *Indiana*, '05.
 Haggard, Roy S., *Denison*, '11.
 Hahn, E. Vernon, *Wabash*, '13.
 Halverstadt, Dallas V., *Wittenberg*, '97.
 Hall, Frederic D., *Union*, '84.
 Hall, Herbert E., *California*, '16.
 Halloway, S., *Mississippi*, '89.
 Hamilton, William A., *Northwestern*, '79.
 Hamlin, Robert C., *Bowdoin*, '16.
 Hammond, Chauncey R., *De Pauw*, '78.
 Hanna, J. Calvin, *Wooster*, '81.
 Hardy, Edward R., *Boston*, '06.
 Hartman, Clifton C., *Dickinson*, '22.
 Hayes, Howard W., *Michigan*, '01.
 Hedenburg, George A., *Wesleyan*, '16.

- Heron, John A., *Centre*, '78.
Hewitt, Arthur F., *Colorado Mines*, '05.
Hiett, Emery R., *De Pauw*, '77.
Hilliker, Charles E., *Dartmouth*, '18.
Hitchcock, Harry A., *Cornell*, '00.
Hobson, John C., *Richmond*, '72.
Holding, Clem B., *North Carolina*, '21.
Hopkins, Scott, *Kansas*, '81.
Howard, Daniel S., *Brown*, '02.
Hull, Horace H., *Vanderbilt*, '06.
Humphreys, Warren P., *Pennsylvania*, '99.
Ingraham, Edward, *Yale*, '10.
Jones, Ralph K., *Maine*, '86.
Jones, Thomas Duckett, *Virginia*, '21.
Jungerman, Charles L., *Vanderbilt*, '83.
Jungerman, Ernest W. H., *Vanderbilt*, '96.
Keeler, Ralph W., *Wesleyan*, '04.
Kemp, William E., *Missouri*, '14.
Kinkead, Ellis G., *Cincinnati*, '89.
Kipp, Albrecht R. C., *Indiana*, '06.
Lake, J. Reed, *Iowa*, '07.
Lamar, Joseph Rucker, *Bethany*, '77.
Lanigan, Wallace H., *Chicago*, '22.
Lathrop, Elbert C., *De Pauw*, '07.
Leake, Josiah J., *Randolph-Macon*, '89.
Lefevre, George, *Johns Hopkins*, '91.
Lehmann, Sears, *Washington*, '03.
Lewis, Charles L., *Stanford*, '07.
Lindsay, William B., *Boston*, '79.
Littell, George H., *Wabash*, '21.
Lodge, Frank T., *De Pauw*, '84.
Lowndes, Earl B., *Toronto*, '19.
Lyman, Homer C., *Colgate*, '87.
McCabe, John J., *Ohio Wesleyan*, '79.
McClure, Warwick D., *Minnesota*, '20.
McCulloch, Charles E., *Ohio Wesleyan*, '02.
McInnis, William M., *Harvard*, '85.
McKibben, J. Warren, *California*, '09.
McLaughlin, Roy M., *Cincinnati*, '05.
Maison, Robert S., *Pennsylvania*, '87.
Makepiece, M. D., *Cornell*, '75.
Manley, G. Atwood, *St. Lawrence*, '16.
Manley, Williston, *St. Lawrence*, '88.
Manly, George C., *Denver*, '85.
Marks, Russell A., *Yale*, '95.
Marks, Sumter B., *Tulane*, '14.
Marquis, Karl M., *Wooster*, '14.
Marshman, Donald M., *Ohio State*, '15.
Martin, Harry H., *Purdue*, '17.
Maxwell, Harry Z., *Yale*, '12.
Miles, Nathaniel, *Beloit*.
Mitchell, H. Walton, *Pennsylvania State*, '90.
Mitchell, J. Ernest, *Colorado*, '04.
Moist, Ronald F., *West Virginia*, '15.
Montgomery, John R., *Beloit*, '87.
Moore, Dickson L., *Wooster*, '85.
Moorehead, James R., *Westminster*, '83.
Morris, Howard, *Wisconsin*, '77.
Morton, Stratford L., *Washington*, '10.
Mozier, Harry P., *Iowa*, '84.
Muldrow, Osborn F., *Oklahoma*, '22.
Myers, Raymond M., *Texas*, '15.
Needham, Delos J., *University of Washington*, '07.
Newey, John W., *Northwestern*, '18.

- Nicholls, Arthur B., *Wesleyan*, '08.
 Nicholson, Edward E., *Nebraska*, '94.
 Nitchman, Alvin F., *Union*, '24.
 Oakes, Warren D., *De Pauw*, '94.
 Olston, Herbert L., *South Dakota*, '09.
 Parrent, Frank D., *Kansas*, '00.
 Parmenter, Lewis W., *Syracuse*, '13.
 Phelps, Charles M., *Mass. Inst. Tech.*, '24.
 Philbrook, Howard G., *Maine*, '07.
 Pearson, Francis B., *Wooster*, '85.
 Pettys, E. D. W., *Colgate*, '82.
 Pierce, Marvin, *Miami*, '16.
 Pollard, Edward B., *Richmond*, '84.
 Pollard, John G., *Richmond*, '91.
 Pray, Walter J., *Wisconsin*, '09.
 Pretzman, Allen I., *Ohio State*, '20.
 Priest, A. J. Gustin, *Idaho*, '18.
 Rand, Fred L., *Georgia Tech*, '14.
 Ransom, Wyllys C., *Michigan*, '48.
 Reed, D. Curtis, *Ohio State*, '12.
 Rhoades, Robert B., *Cornell*, '11.
 Ripple, Franklin, *Kansas*, '80.
 Riffle, Franklin, *Kansas*, '80.
 Robb, Willis O., *Ohio Wesleyan*, '79.
 Robbins, John W., *Hanover*, '84.
 Rohback, James A., *Western Reserve*, '84.
 Rooney, Frank M., *Syracuse*, '90.
 Rosebery, Clarence J., *Illinois*, '05.
 Roth, John J., *Washington*, '07.
 Roy, Charles Dunbar, *Richmond*, '87.
 Ruhm, Herman D., *Vanderbilt*, '92.
 Ryan, John Harold, *Yale*, '08.
 Saal, George F., *Cornell*, '87.
 Sayler, J. Abner, *Johns Hopkins*, '02.
 Sayler, Milton, *Cincinnati*, '08.
 Scott, Charles F., *Kansas*, '81.
 Shannon, John S., *Indiana*, '88.
 Shepardson, Francis W., *Denison*, '82.
 Shields, John F., *Pennsylvania State*, '92.
 Shields, John J., *De Pauw*, '80.
 Shipley, George, *Randolph-Macon*, '87.
 Siebert, William H., *Ohio State*, '88.
 Simon, Charles E., *Johns Hopkins*, '88.
 Smiley, E. Kenneth, *Bowdoin*, '21.
 Smith, Charles C., *Iowa*, '10.
 Smith, H. Merle, *Kansas*, '18.
 Smith, Samuel M., *Kansas*, '79.
 Smith, Willoughby N., *Virginia*, '72.
 Smith, William Treese, *Northwestern*, '79.
 Smyth, Gordon S., *Pennsylvania*, '18.
 Sommers, Charles L., *Minnesota*, '90.
 Soper, Pliny L., *Kansas*, '81.
 Sowers, Daniel H., *Ohio Wesleyan*, '89.
 Spellman, Clarence I., *Kansas*, '95.
 Sprague, Charles S., *Denison*, '86.
 Sprague, William C., *Denison*, '81.
 Springer, William M., *Northwestern*, '09.
 Steele, Edward V. L., *Wesleyan*, '94.
 Steele, Richard T., *Wesleyan*, '21.
 Stephenson, Bertram S., *Ohio State*, '01.
 Stetler, Howard S., *Bethany*, '82.
 Stiles, William L., *Texas*, '89.
 Stoney, Gaillard, *California*, '88.
 Sumner, Arthur P., *Brown*, '85.

Talbot, Minton W., *Virginia*, '88.
 Thompson, Robert M., *Minnesota*, '95.
 Thornburg, Charles L., *Vanderbilt*, '81.
 Thornburg, Lewis, *Lehigh*, '14.
 Thornburg, S. Raymond, *Ohio Wesleyan*, '15.
 Thorp, Russell B., *Nebraska*, '98.
 Thorpe, Gilbert P., *Ohio Wesleyan*, '85.
 Tight, Dexter J., *Denison*, '12.
 Todd, Samuel P., *Cincinnati*, '20.
 Torrence, Gerald A., *Iowa Wesleyan*, '11.
 Tosh, Lindorf D. L., *Kansas*, '73.
 Tullis, Garner H., *Tulane*, '18.
 Twitchell, Ruel L., *Yale*, '07.
 Tyler, John P., *Vanderbilt*, '04.
 Wales, George F., *Amherst*, '93.
 Walker, Charles Duy, *Virginia Military*, '69.
 Ward, Louis M., *Wisconsin*, '96.
 Warren, William M., *Boston*, '87.
 Watts, Lawrence A., *Northwestern*, '07.
 Weaver, Edwin O., *Wittenberg*, '89.
 Welsh, Frank M., *Dickinson*, '88.
 Wheeler, Charles S., *California*, '84.
 White, Horace, *De Pauw*, '80.
 White, William C., *Hampden-Sidney*, '80.
 Whitehair, Charles W., *De Pauw*, '09.
 Whitten, John E., *Nebraska*, '23.
 Wilber, Philip A., *Oklahoma*, '19.
 Williams, Charles D., *Kenyon*, '80.
 Williams, William H., *Denison*, '05.
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A study of this list will prove interesting. There are two cases of father and son, Williston Manley and Atwood Manley of the same chapter and having the same district, and Charles Thornburg and Lewis Thornburg, of different chapters and districts. There are two sets of brothers, Edward B. Pollard and John G. Pollard of the Richmond chapter and William C. Sprague and Charles S. Sprague of the Denison chapter. Five of the chiefs became General Secretary, Baily, Bruce, Hanna, Lamar and Shepardson; five became General Treasurer, Brouse, Covington, Gavin, Oakes and Thornburg; four became President, Hamilton, Hanna, Robb and Shepardson; two of the United States Supreme Court; one, Charles F. Scott, became a member of Congress; one, Charles D. Williams, became a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church.

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CHANGES OF CHAPTER NAMES

In the earlier years of the fraternity chapter names were changed so frequently as to create quite a bit of confusion. Had the chapters been named in the alphabetical order of their establishment, the following would have been the roll at the time of the convention of 1847: Alpha, Miami; Beta, Cincinnati; Gamma, Western Reserve; Delta, Ohio; Epsilon, Transylvania; Zeta, Jefferson; Eta, Harvard; Theta, Princeton; Iota, De Pauw; Kappa, Indiana; Lambda, Michigan; Mu, Wabash; Nu, Williams. Whether all of these names were so applied or not is not known, but the system obtained a common recognition, at least so far as concerns the first twelve chapters mentioned.

The convention of 1847 declared the Cincinnati, Ohio, and Harvard chapters extinct, and rearranged the roll as follows: Alpha, Miami; Beta, Western Reserve; Gamma, Transylvania; Delta, Jefferson; Epsilon, Princeton; Zeta, De Pauw; Eta, Indiana; Theta, Michigan; Iota, Wabash; Kappa, Williams, and the next chapter formed, at Centre College, was called Lambda, in regular order.

The convention of 1848 dropped Transylvania and Princeton, and left Miami and Western Reserve unchanged, but advanced De Pauw to Delta, Indiana to Epsilon, Michigan to Zeta, Wabash to Eta, Williams to Theta, and Centre to Iota, the next chapter, at Brown, being called Kappa, and the next chapter, at Hampden-Sydney, Lambda.

The convention of 1851 did not rearrange the roll, but retained the name of Zeta for the Michigan chapter, which was then inactive. Between 1851 and 1854 North Carolina was established and called Eta, the Wabash chapter having died. Ohio Wesleyan was established and called Theta, the last name of the inactive Williams chapter, and Hanover was also established and called Iota. The latter name belonged to the Centre chapter, which dropped it and took the name of Epsilon belonging to the dead Indiana chapter. The chapters at Ohio University and Michigan then being revived, the former took the name of the inactive Brown chapter, Kappa, and the latter, which had been named Zeta while inactive, exchanged that designation with the Hampden-Sydney chapter for its old name of Lambda. All of these changes were made in pursuance of an attempt to fill up gaps in the alphabetical list, caused by the death of some of the chapters.

The convention of 1854 considered the matter carefully, and again rearranged the roll as follows: Alpha, Miami; Beta, Western Reserve; Gamma, Jefferson; Delta, De Pauw; Epsilon, Centre; Zeta, Hampden-Sydney; Eta, North Carolina; Theta, Ohio Wesleyan; Iota, Hanover; Kappa, Ohio University; Lambda, Michigan. And these names remained unchanged until 1880. The dead chapters were called *prime* chapters, and were designated by the Greek letters followed by an accent ('). Harvard was called Eta prime, Princeton, Theta prime, Williams Iota prime, Brown Kappa prime; and when the Indiana chapter was revived it was called Pi, and the Wabash chapter Tau, in regular order.

The chapters formed after this until the alphabet was exhausted were

Mu, Cumberland; Nu, Washington (Pa.); Xi, Knox; Omicron, Virginia; Pi, Indiana; Rho, Washington (Mo.); Sigma, Illinois; Tau, Wabash; Upsilon, South Carolina; Phi, Davidson; Chi, Oglethorpe; Chi, Beloit; Psi, Bethany; Omega, United States Naval Academy, the letter Chi being given to two chapters through some mistake.



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When the alphabet was exhausted, the roll was continued by doubling the letters—Alpha Alpha, Beta Beta, etc., and the chapters were so named down to Mu Mu in 1872. The convention of that year changed this system, and, instead of doubling the letters, prefixed Alpha to the letters in regular order, so Alpha Alpha, remaining as before, Beta Beta, Iowa, became Alpha Beta, and in like fashion Wittenberg became Alpha Gamma; Westminster, Alpha Delta; Iowa Wesleyan, Alpha Epsilon; Chicago, Alpha Zeta; Denison, Alpha Eta; Virginia Military, Alpha Theta; Washington, Alpha Iota; Richmond, Alpha Kappa; Wooster, Alpha Lambda, and Howard, Alpha Mu. The Chicago chapter's name, however, needs especial mention. It was, when established, called Lambda Lambda, in regular order. Then the alumni chapter at Nashville, which had been called Zeta Zeta, surrendered that name when it was decided to name the alumni chapters upon a different plan, and the name Zeta Zeta, was given to the Chicago chapter, and this was

changed to Alpha Zeta in 1872. Upon its revival in 1893 this chapter was called Lambda Rho.

The convention of 1873 changed the name of the Gamma chapter to Gamma Nu, in token of the fact that the chapter at Washington and Jefferson College was formed by the union of the Gamma at Jefferson and the Nu at Washington. The convention of 1874 called the united chapter the Nu, but the convention of 1876 formally and finally re-christened it Gamma.

There were no changes made in the names of the chapters until the convention of 1880. The revived Harvard chapter was then called by its old name of Eta which had been used by the North Carolina chapter; the revived Brown chapter was given the name of Kappa, the chapter at Ohio University, which had borne it for many years, taking the name of Beta, the old name of Western Reserve. The new chapter at the University of Pennsylvania was called Phi, and that at Union Nu, the old name of the Washington chapter; and the following changes were also made: Stevens was changed from Beta Epsilon to Sigma, Boston from Alpha Upsilon to Upsilon, Northwestern from Alpha Rho to Rho, Randolph-Macon from Alpha Xi to Xi, and California from Alpha Omega to Omega.

When the Western Reserve chapter was revived, in 1881, the alumni earnestly desired that it should receive its old name of Beta, instead of that of Beta Kappa. Accordingly, an exchange was effected with the Ohio chapter, which had at times borne the names of Beta and Kappa. When the Knox chapter, was revived, in 1888, it was given the name of Alpha Xi, formerly that of the Randolph-Macon chapter and, later, on the death of the Randolph-Macon chapter, it regained its earlier name Xi. The Columbia chapter, formed in 1881, was called Alpha Alpha, the old name of the Monmouth chapter; the Nebraska chapter, formed in 1887, was called Alpha Tau, the old name of the William & Mary chapter, and the Pennsylvania State chapter, formed in 1887, was called Alpha Upsilon, formerly belonging to Boston, while the Denver chapter was called Alpha Zeta, and the Syracuse chapter Beta Epsilon—the former one of the names of the old Chicago chapter, and the latter the first name of the Stevens chapter. When the Davidson chapter was revived, it was called Phi Alpha, and when the North Carolina chapter was revived it was called Eta Beta, their former names having been Phi and Eta, respectively.

When the Williams chapter was revived it was given the name Zeta, last held by the inactive Hampden-Sydney chapter. When Washington and Lee chapter was revived it took the name Alpha Rho, originally given to Northwestern, which, as above stated, took the former Washington and Lee name, Rho, in 1880.

Historically speaking it is to be regretted that so many changes in names have occurred, but under the system now in vogue, of using the name of the institution to designate the chapter, its location is promptly recognized, and the former confusion incident to the changes of Greek names is avoided. It is to be noted, however, that many chapters still take great pride in their Greek names and use them regularly in intra-chapter life.



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CHAPTER XXII

CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION.

I. THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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INTRODUCTION.

Can you, undergraduate or alumnus, think of an office an individual may hold in college which calls for as varied a combination of qualities as that of the president of a fraternity chapter? Our American college life is notably complex, yet it makes few demands as comprehensive or exacting as those it makes upon such an official.

Curiously enough, fraternity journalism has contributed scant advice to the newly elected president, whose course is usually modelled in a general way after that of his predecessors in his own chapter. It is only natural that each chapter may learn something from its neighbor, and it is with this thought in mind that this symposium of views and viewpoints has been attempted. The suggestions have been gathered from a good many fraternity workers. It lists what one might venture to call the fundamental duties of the president, rather than the many minor duties which attach themselves to the presidency of some chapters.

It would not be desirable to standardize the duties of the office in too great detail. Allowance must be made for different types of individuals who will fill the office, persons whose combination of strong points will never be identical. A flexible conception of the duties of the office, based upon a thorough understanding of fundamental requisites, will probably prove more serviceable, providing a range of opportunity varying with the personal equipment of each president.

THE OFFICE.

Tenure. The testimony of experience urges that the chapter president be elected in the early Spring, usually in March, for a term of one year. The writer has never met a fraternity official who thought otherwise. Some chapters elect twice a year, and a few, three times a year. A few feel that a change of administration brings to the chapter new ideas and fresh impetus, but the mass of evidence and opinion favors the more businesslike stability which obviously accompanies the plan of annual election. A few maintain that a president may not prove satisfactory and that in such a situation, a year is too long a term. Experience demonstrates, however, that a chapter is seldom so mistaken in a judgment based upon a three-year-old intimacy. If an incumbent shows a change of heart and is inclined to lapse into a state of inefficiency or undesirability, suasion will bring him around if he is of the right sort. If not, the chapter, in taking drastic measures for relief, need have no undue regard for the feelings of a member who so ignores the common weal.

Time of Election. The Spring election permits a new set of officers to break into their work under the guidance of their predecessors. The new

organization, with the counsel of the old, should be going at somewhere near top speed by the close of the college year and should be able to function efficiently throughout the critical periods of the Summer and Autumn. Chapters electing officers at the close of the college year frequently fall down in efficiency during the Summer and early Autumn, the new officers showing their lack of experience and guidance.

The President As Convention Delegate. Many chapters make it a rule to elect the president as Convention delegate, realizing that their leader deserves and needs all the training and inspiration which a Convention opens to him. How much wiser is this policy than the one which involves



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a distribution of honors, giving the delegate's office as a consolation prize to the member who missed out on the presidency, or some other office, a policy decidedly detrimental to chapter efficiency!

Election. Some chapters require a unanimous vote for the election of their president. The vice-president almost never succeeds the president except by regular election. The chapter president is almost always a Senior during the major portion of his term.

Training A Successor. One chapter with an enviable record for efficiency has an interesting custom. Two of the members of the Junior class

most available for the office of president are watched and coached carefully during the Winter term, care being used not to assure either of the position. The president thus aids in the training of his successor.

Installation. Many chapters have an impressive ceremony of installation for the president, during which he is presented with the chapter gavel. The incumbents are frequently marked for particular honors. Some chapters have a special fraternity badge, perhaps of historic or sentimental value, which the president wears during his term as an official.

QUALIFICATIONS.

Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the selection of the right individual for the chapter presidency.

Personal Qualities. His qualities of mind and heart are of importance. The ideal president brings to the office among other qualities the ability to lead, inspire, and bring to pass the things undertaken, as well as a capacity for friendship, a keen sense of justice, and a nature which has successfully adjusted itself to the manifold temptations of college life.

Fraternity Experience. The quality and length of a member's previous service to his chapter should constitute an important consideration. A campus leader in a Southern university suggests the idea that "the largest stockholder" in the chapter is usually the one for the presidency, explaining, that the quantity of stock held by each might be estimated in proportion to what each has done for the fraternity. He continued his suggestive analogy with the thought that the largest fraternity dividends are always paid to the largest fraternity stockholders.

Accessibility. The chapter president should live in the chapter house during his term of office. It is difficult indeed for the president to do justice either to the chapter or to himself if he lives outside of the house.

College Loyalty. A chapter president must be a loyal son of his Alma Mater, a good citizen of his university. He must be broad enough to realize that his chapter is an integral part of the student body, and that genuine fraternity activities and interests never conflict with university obligations and endeavors.

Singleness of Purpose. Willingness to sacrifice is a paramount consideration. If a chapter president faithfully discharges his obligations, he will realize that no undergraduate office is so consistently exacting in its demands upon time and energy, not even such an arduous one as that of newspaper editor. No hard-working undergraduate organization can afford to select for its executive one who is already too busy with other things, who "has too many irons in the fire." This fact is forcibly impressed upon undergraduates when they see a prosperous activity decline under the quasi leadership of some genial glory-digger who values his office as only another honor to list after his name in the college Annual. To elect a light-hearted and irresponsible "big-man-on-the-campus" to a post of executive responsibility is to pay a debt of gratitude in the most prodigal way, a way which invites bankruptcy. The Chapter presidency is not an honor to be lightly bestowed. It is an opportunity for service which is commensurate with the vision and the qualifications of its incumbent, who must accord his obligations to this office first place among his campus activities. A well known football captain, who served his chapter as its leader, urges that a president be a man "who has not many outside activities, particularly

athletics, to claim his time. Much time is needed, by the president in getting to know intimately the men of the chapter, their likes and dislikes, and for this reason a man who does a great deal in athletics cannot give sufficient time to the personal welfare of the individuals, to say nothing of his regular duties." Yet many well known athletes have made excellent chapter leaders. The outstanding characteristic of the president should be his singleness of purpose. One who lacks the capacity for such devotion to a cause lacks what is perhaps the supreme qualification for this particular office.

AS PRESIDING OFFICER.

Parliamentary Practice. The presiding officer of a chapter is charged with the responsibility of conducting its meetings decently and in order. He must be thoroughly acquainted with the constitution, laws and instructions



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of his fraternity and the regulations of his chapter. With this information and with a practical working knowledge of parliamentary procedure, the president will save much time during meetings. He should not tolerate debates over parliamentary technicalities, remembering that the spirit of the law rather than its letter is the most workable criterion for a chapter. The president must see to it that arguments do not degenerate into wrangles, and he must at times diplomatically muzzle those whose vice it is to indulge in orgies of aimless verbosity. When a long discussion arises over a matter which few understand and about which fewer care, time and patience may be saved by appointing the contenders a committee with instructions to report at the next meeting. Tolerance of disorder and indulgence of tardiness are among the causes of unsatisfactory meetings.

Personal Demeanor. The personal demeanor of the presiding officer will largely determine the conduct of the others. He must preside with dignity, particularly during ritualistic ceremonies. He should not hesitate,

however, on the occasional introduction of the lighter touch to allow laughter to run its course. The president must maintain something of the judicial attitude, realizing that it is not the part of a presiding officer to take sides in a controversy.

Maintenance of Interest. Meetings must be made interesting and for this the presiding officer assumes responsibility. He should prepare a program in advance of each meeting and should know what important business is to be transacted and what committees are to report. If there is a paucity of material of immediate importance, the president has an excellent opportunity to plan discussions on general policies or subjects of fraternity or university interest. He should take care, however, to avoid meetings of undue and unnecessary length. Chapter meetings must be characterized by spirit and variety, or they will decline in effectiveness.

"The Sanctity of Chapter Meeting Night." Fraternity sentiment is largely moulded on chapter meeting nights. Realizing this, many of the strongest chapters refer to the "sanctity of chapter meeting night" and always keep together as a unit throughout the entire evening. For the period following chapter meetings various functions may occasionally be planned—serenades, smokers with other chapters, talks by faculty and alumni members, and the like. It is found that the spirit of good fellowship of a chapter is greatly intensified by such functions.

AS CHIEF RITUALIST.

In initiation and in chapter meeting ceremonies the major burden of the ritual is carried by the president. This places upon him another obligation; for here again he must set the standard for the chapter. He must so familiarize himself with the spirit of his passages that he will be able to deliver them with dignity and conviction. An effective rendition of a chapter meeting ritual surrounds the entire meeting with an atmosphere that cannot be approximated in any other way.

AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

The chapter president is forced ex-officio into positions of leadership at various functions which make him in fact the master of ceremonies.

As Toastmaster. At banquets and smokers he is frequently called upon to preside. If the incumbent has not had experience as a toastmaster or with such gatherings, he should make it a point to prepare himself adequately for such occasions. He is showing both his chapter and himself to poor advantage if he relies on nothing but his office to "get him by" with the hackneyed excuse of inexperience. Painstaking preparation can usually compensate for a lack of natural ability.

As Host. Such functions as teas, dances and receptions will test the social graces of a chapter leader in putting the guests of his chapter at their ease.

In The Dining Room. Many chapters make their president the ex-officio monitor of the dining room, though others prefer to pass this office around among members of the Senior delegation. The monitor assumes responsibility for the conduct of the brothers in the dining room and for the seating and entertainment of guests. Many chapters demand the presence of all members in the reception hall immediately before and after luncheon and dinner, so that the entertainment of guests does not devolve in an embarrassing way upon a few.

AS A FRATERNITY OFFICIAL.

The chapter president must remember that he is at the head of but one unit of his organization, and that he has an important obligation to the rest of that national organization. The chapter secretary is usually addressed in formal communications, but it is the president who is usually sought for intimate conference.

Obligations To Officials. The president must keep in touch with the national officers of his fraternity, and in particular with his district chief and his alumni counsellor. Many have commented upon the improvement made by chapters whose leader closely plans and co-operates with these officials.



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If the chapter president is to be indeed a fraternity official, he must keep himself posted upon matters of national policy and tradition; he must keep abreast of the times on current conditions and happenings in other chapters.

Obligations To Other Chapters. The president has an obligation as a fraternity official to neighboring chapters of his fraternity, to alumni of other chapters, and particularly to those alumni who are members of the university faculty. He must see that proper entertainment is accorded fraternity brothers visiting the university, particularly those who come on intercollegiate teams. His acquaintance with alumni of his fraternity may aid him in securing part-time working positions for needy undergraduates.

Convention Attendance. Convention attendance may give the chapter president an inspiring conception of the opportunities for service which attend a fraternity official. The chapter which sends its president to the General Convention is bound to have a stronger fraternity official for its leader.

AS A CAMPUS LEADER.

Good citizenship in his university and loyalty to his Alma Mater must be qualities of the president, outstanding enough to inspire the emulation of his fellows. If the chapter is so provincial as to ignore its obligations to its Alma Mater, it is distorting its life into a fungus growth which contributes nothing to the health of the tree on which it lives. Neither the superficial beauty of the fungus nor the lack of beauty in the tree can condone such a condition. Sometimes a caustic critic of a certain policy may be brought into line by appointment on a committee, closer study of the subject at leisure changing his views. The appointment to a committee of individuals who hold opposite views on the particular line of work involved, will frequently save long discussions in chapter meetings, though it may sometimes make more work for the peace-maker.

Supervision. An efficient managing director must supervise the work of his staff. The chapter president must thus confer with each officer and committee in the formation of plans, requiring them to explain clearly to the chapter these plans and their subsequent progress. It is his responsibility to see that plans are carried forward and to check up each officer and committee in the proper and prompt discharge of obligations.

The president cannot afford to tolerate inefficiency in his organization on the score of fraternal charity. No organization, not even a fraternity, can long thrive if its affairs are not conducted on a business-like basis. As efficiency expert, the president owes it to the chapter to expose the negligence of an officer. The president's supervision will imply a great many things. He must follow intimately the work of each officer and committee—the treasurer, secretary, recorder, alumni secretary, steward, archivist, and the committees on scholarship, activities, rushing, chapter house sanitation, and social affairs. It is a good plan to keep a notebook with a page devoted to the work of each officer and committee, in which may be recorded suggestions for improvements. The president must make each officer feel a sense of responsibility and pride in his opportunity. If the officer or committee fails in any duty the president must personally see that the work is done. He must be ready to lend a helping hand anywhere. He must be the hardest single worker in his corps. He must be on the alert to suggest, but at times he will diplomatically give the impression that the suggestion originates with the officer in charge. He should always endeavor to give each officer and each committee full credit for an achievement, even if he himself had the original idea. His criticism must be always sympathetic and constructive, never antagonistic or destructive. Supervision will further imply that the president will be ever ready to give full accord and hearty support to any officer in occasionally unpleasant duties. He will need to be particularly forceful in connection with the demands of the scholarship committee and of the treasurer.

Co-ordination. The managing director is usually the chief co-ordinator of an organization; the president must therefore plan to avoid duplication of activity.

The Formation of Policies. The managing director has a responsibility in the formation of policies. Similarly must the president bring to the attention of his chapter the determination of policies designed to obviate criticism which has been made, perhaps by alumni or national officers. In some matters of policy the large majority of the chapter may be entirely

at odds with the president, and the latter may have reason for feeling that he is in the right. This situation must never tempt him to forget that he must keep his chapter behind him, and that he cannot be too far in advance of his chapter mates; he must win their support gradually, advancing step by step.

The President's Cabinet. Many chapters have some sort of a cabinet, which assists the president in various matters. In some chapters this group consists of four or five of the more important officers; in others it is the Senior delegation; in some it is an especially elected executive committee; in others it is an upper-class caucus. This cabinet is often the president's advisory board, assisting him in important decisions and in matters of disci-



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pline. In some chapters it calls before its weekly meetings all members who are delinquent in the payment of dues.

Directing Fraternity Enthusiasm. The president must co-ordinate the activities of his chapter with those of the undergraduate body at large, never losing sight of the fact that one unit can never be greater than the whole. He must stimulate his chapter by the thought that everything that pertains to the welfare of the university concerns the chapter. Conversely, he must impress others with the fact that a well conducted fraternity chapter is a marked asset to the university; a unit dynamic in its possibilities. He may well translate fraternity rivalry into a friendly competition to see which chapter most notably advances the welfare of the university. Specifically, he will endeavor to set as his chapter's goal high scholastic attainment; he will see to it that worthy undergraduate activities are supplied with a creditable representation from his chapter; he will urge his chapter to stand for the finest things in undergraduate life.

Interfraternity Co-operation. As the leader of his group the chapter president may well work with the leaders of chapters of other fraternities in bringing about a saner sense of interfraternity comity and co-operation.

Faculty Contact. The president is the chapter leader who is consulted by faculty officials in regard to the welfare of the group or that of some particular member of it.

Conference of Student Leaders. The University of Washington recognizes in an interesting way the place of the chapter president as a campus leader. The president of each of the twenty-five chapters in that institution is a member of the Conference of Student Leaders, composed of representatives of all campus organizations. The president of the university meets with this body and discusses student problems in their relation to the university. When certain decisions are reached, each delegate reports back to the group he represents. In this way the chapter president is the official medium of contact between the chapter and the university. Interfraternity councils, in other places, occasionally perform some of the functions of this Washington Conference of Student Leaders.

AS ARBITER, JUDGE AND "BIG BROTHER."

The position of the chapter president carries with it so much influence that the incumbent is frequently called upon, both formally and informally, to play the rôle of judge. In some chapters he levies fines for absence from meetings, for disorder in the dining room, for "pilfering the pantry," for damaging property, and for the infringement of "living rules" and of rules governing study hours and the use of lights. Disciplinary measures are usually administered under his guidance.

As Peace-Maker. A successful president will so demonstrate his sense of justice and his freedom from favoritism and grudges, that his decisions will be sought in petty differences. If he genuinely endeavors to understand both sides of an argument he becomes both the court of appeal and the peace-maker who preserves chapter harmony by smoothing out the rough places.

As "Big Brother." Commensurate with the influence of the president is his place as "big brother." Maturity and sympathy are qualities which will enable him to assist in analyzing and solving the personal problems which perplex a younger chapter-mate. The chapter leader has no more inspiring opportunity than is afforded him by the confidences of his fellows. To win this opportunity he must be always available, seeking to gain a sympathetic insight into the viewpoint and interests of each of his brothers.

AS "FRESHMAN FATHER."

The chapter president usually takes the initiative in the education of members of the Freshman delegation. He must instill into them a high morale, giving them some conception of the mission of a college fraternity and of the idealism to which it is dedicated.

Delegation Meetings. Freshman meetings give him his opportunity and he should carefully plan to make these full of inspiration to the Freshman who is perhaps now at his most impressionable period.

School For Freshmen. Some presidents organize the material the Freshmen should know into several divisions, making the data in each division

the subject of a carefully prepared talk. Fraternity talks might thus be given at successive Freshman meetings on such subjects as—"The Greek Letter Fraternity System"; "The Founding of our Fraternity"; "Our National History"; "Our National Organization"; "Our Roll of Chapters"; "Our Chapter"; "What Our Fraternity Expects of Its Freshmen"; "The Fraternity System at our University." This "School for Freshmen" works out particularly well where chapters hold second semester initiations, the work being spread out over the first semester. The Freshmen are required to take notes and are quizzed at each meeting upon the subjects of the last talk. Worthless "cramming" for one single examination is thus avoided. Between meetings the Freshmen may be required to learn a new song. Talks by alumni frequently contribute much to the impressiveness of these meetings.



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Hazing vs. Discipline. If the chapter president is indeed to be the "Freshman father," he must discriminate between necessary discipline and forms of hazing and of bullying. If the "Freshman father" is ever a party to hazing or bullying he can never thereafter administer necessary discipline so effectively. In this connection the president may well remember that tyranny is neither justifiable nor efficacious. If he is in doubt about the comparative value of suasion and force, let him experiment with the former, for his doubt evidences the fact that he is unfamiliar with its actual use.

The Adviser System. The "Freshman father" faces the problem of adjusting the Freshman to college life and to college scholastic standards. In some chapters a Freshman can secure permission to go out on nights during the week only from the president. In many chapters each Freshman is assigned to an adviser, or "sponsor" or "father," who is supposed to keep closely in touch with his scholarship and general activities. Under such a system permissions must be secured from the sponsor. Most chapters

have definite study hours when Freshmen are required to be at work, unless their scholastic average justifies greater freedom. When advisers are assigned they should be required to report regularly to the chapter the status of their charge. Advisers are usually upperclassmen. It is not found advisable to appoint an intimate friend of a particular Freshman as his adviser. The "Freshman father" must get to know intimately the Freshman in his charge, taking care to assume the "older brother" attitude rather than the amusing paternal into which a Senior occasionally lapses.

AS MANAGING DIRECTOR.

The chapter president is the managing director, the chief executive of his chapter. These very titles forcibly remind us that no good chapter can



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View from the Mountain Side.

be a one-man chapter. The president must aim to be, not a soloist who continually holds the center of the stage, but a conductor whose artistry is demonstrated by the ensemble work of his many players. The president must deputize responsibility, aiming to foster initiative in others. The fact that as a rule his office is but for one year, should remind him that others must be trained to assume larger responsibilities.

Distributing Responsibility. The president must see to it that each member of the chapter has something to do, remembering that responsibility is often the father of enthusiasm. In many chapters he is called upon to appoint standing committees, to fill vacancies or make changes in their personnel when he deems that advisable. No member should be over-loaded with chapter work, neither should large responsibilities be placed upon the shoulders of an inefficient worker.

The Sophomore Problem. The handling of the Sophomore delegation of a chapter requires much tact. One young alumnus writes "A Sophomore

is always one of the biggest problems to a chapter. He is not far enough removed from his Freshman days to be given real responsibility, and yet his vote counts and can cause untold trouble. We consider the Sophomore year a period of training hardly less important than that of the Freshman year, but occasionally that training becomes irksome to a well-meaning but impetuous man. Occasionally his feelings are hurt by an upperclassman; if allowed to drift he comes a bolshevik or he loses all interest in chapter affairs during the rest of his college days. A tactful president can and does talk to these men and give them duties, real or manufactured, which will soothe an injured pride."

Miscellaneous Duties. Several particular duties devolve upon the president, in addition to decisions in all affairs of minor importance. He is frequently made an ex-officio member of the board of directors of the building association of his chapter, thus acting as the formal connecting



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Showing the Abbott-Young Memorial Temple

link between alumni and undergraduates. He is sometimes called upon to assign rooms in the chapter house. He is frequently required to extend all bids to Freshmen. He is required in several chapters to prepare a calendar for the year. In most chapters no officer is held responsible for the chapter singing, one particularly musical brother assuming leadership by common consent. If there is a dearth of musical talent in a chapter and the chapter falls away from its singing habits, another task awaits the president. He must remind his brothers of the saying that "a strong chapter is always a singing chapter, and a singing chapter is almost always a strong one," emphasizing the fact that it is the spirit rather than the musical proficiency which is the unifying power of song.

Dangers. The position of leadership into which the chapter president is forced carries with it temptations which must be resisted. The president must be a leader, not a commander. Officiousness and big-headedness are to be the more studiously shunned because some people are unconscious possessors of the qualities. A president should encourage criticism, aiming to determine not who is right, but what is right. He should remember that he proves his bigness by admitting his mistakes.

He must avoid snap judgments, taking time to think through a proposition before formulating a plan of action.

He must avoid pessimism, aiming to be the embodiment of energy and enthusiasm.

He must realize that consciously or unconsciously his own conduct is bound to influence other members of the chapter for good or for bad. Powerful influence carries with it a commensurate responsibility; a slip on the part of the president may mean serious harm to the chapter as a whole. A leader cannot consistently ask others to follow where he does not lead.

On the other hand, he must carefully avoid the patronizing or the "holier-than-thou" attitude to which his responsibilities may occasionally tempt him.

Selflessness. Modesty and selflessness must be his hand-maidens; he must never throw the spot-light on his own achievements. If he does his work well, he may be sure that much of his best work will never be known or heralded. He has something finer than praise—the satisfaction of a task well done. One chapter president maintains, "It is my idea that to be successful as a chapter president, a man must absolutely throw himself into the work with so much enthusiasm, that all thought of self, personal gain, personal comfort, personal popularity and personal reward will be obliterated." Do you need to ask whether this chapter president made a success of his work?

Maintaining a High Morale. Perhaps the most important part of the work of a managing director is the upbuilding and maintenance of the morale of his organization. In chapter life a high morale is found where the chapter thought and spirit is dominated by a dynamic consciousness of those lofty ideals to which the fraternity is dedicated, ideals worthy of the highest aim and purpose of associated effort. If the chapter president is to be a sincere fraternity leader, he must live true to the precepts of his order, standing as a worthy guardian of his priceless heritage.

II. THE SCHOOL FOR FRESHMEN.

A Syllabus Prepared by the Missouri Chapter of Beta Theta Pi

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONDUCT OF SCHOOL

(To be read carefully by Director)

The school will be seen to consist of three continuous divisions:

Division I deals with the history of the fraternity, and its present organization and management. It is given entirely in reports. For sources of material a bibliography is given. The reports in lessons, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 are given by the freshmen, those for lessons, 1, 2, 8, by the director. The constitution and by-laws should be read and elaborated upon by the director in lessons 10, 11, 12. The duties of the four offices should be presented by the officers themselves.

Division II. The real value of the school is in these talks by the upper-classmen. Men who are thereby conversant with the chapter policies should be chosen to give them. But speechifying should be dispensed with entirely, and the talk given in a conversational tone that is calculated to win the confidence of the class.

In lessons 2 to 14, inclusive, a suggested outline is given. But by no

means should these be adhered to when their policies are antiquated, or when the speaker can improve upon them.

Division III consists of the round table, which is familiar to all chapter men. Here, however, commendation could very well be given more prominence than it has received in the past few years.

The Activity Committee of the chapter should first recommend to the president two men for the respective positions of director and assistant director of the freshmen. These men should not only be interested in the freshmen, but also able to get very close to the younger men and still hold



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their respect. It would be very well for the director to be a senior, and the assistant, a junior, the latter to automatically succeed to the directorship when a senior.

ADVICE TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FRESHMEN

1. Remember when you were a freshman; it will help you to understand your charges better.
2. Be concise and clear. Remember that negative statements such as "You're dead," do not open up a world of opportunity to the vision of the object of your criticism.
3. Remember that knowledge and understanding have done far more than fear. Therefore, explain; don't merely command.

4. See that the class is understanding what you are teaching them. Have them ask questions.

5. Have confidence in the class and show them that you have. There is a strong appeal in such treatment.

6. Do not attempt to apply the same corrective measures to a matured man of twenty, that you would to a plastic youth of seventeen.

7. Be consistent and firm, not only with them but yourself. Unconsciously they model themselves after you, whether you know it or not.

8. Lead, don't drive; this is not in the time of college hazing, and there are boys under you who have brains that are just as good as yours.



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(To be read by the director at the first freshman meeting.)

To The Pledges of Beta Theta Pi

To an outsider, a fraternity man's life is as a serene and undisturbed existence of camaraderie as that of a placid lake, whose surface is not broken by a single ripple. But to you who are soon to join the ranks of the world's largest order of this type, Beta Theta Pi, there is to be disclosed soon to you the infinitude of its internal activities, of its vexatious problems, and of its scope of service, as it strives to produce the best of American manhood.

Yes, your past conception of the fraternity as that of a group of men bonded together to facilitate the giving of dances, of tea parties, and, not infrequently, poker jaunts and booze jags must assuredly be supplanted by a realization of its true character.

Contrary, however, to what you may now suspect, it is far from my mind to give you in these few minutes, an insight into the vitals of Beta Theta Pi. An understanding of Betadom comes only after a period of assiduous inquiry and introspection on your part, and of consummate training on ours.

I do wish, however, to give you a few ideas upon which to base what is to follow in your period of training.

Far be it from me to strike a note of fear of the consequences so soon. But there is one thought that should be preëminent in your mind over all others: that just as surely as you are going to be later thrown upon your own resources in the great game of business and professional life, are you going to meet at college in comparative strength the circumstances that you will meet later on. Consider your present state. Heretofore, you have been nurtured and guarded over by your parents; today finds them distantly removed from you, their influence remote at best. Their personal contact and hence influence is absent; your only relation with them now is through your correspondence. Hence you are dependent solely upon yourself as to whether or not you become a university failure or success.

And just as you are supposed to be a man when you start out in your profession or business later on, are you supposed to be a man here.

There is one other comparison that I want to draw between your four years at college and your later life; possibly the greatest pleasure and benefit that you will derive will be from your friends, business and social. You are now a member of an organization which realizes that and subsequently seeks to make that accomplishment one of its functioning ideals. In short you will find that your greatest pleasure will be the enjoyment of your intimate companionship with your brothers in Beta Theta Pi. As for the benefits within the fraternity, you have a codification of the ideals and principles that social experience through the ages has found to be the purest and the most remunerative in human works. And you have a group of forty men whose interest in you is expressed in the direction of modeling your life after these principles. In short, the beauty of human friendship is realized in its highest degree in this association. It is a masterful enterprise, whose tools are the ideals and spirit of Betadom, whose methods are criticism and commendation under the Eye of Wooglin, whose objective is the perfection of American youth.

Two more features of your relations to your chapter: In the first place, you will profit by your affiliation with the order in the immediate proportion as you work with it. As I have said, the chief enjoyment of the fraternity life and its chief benefit is derived from your intimate association with the brothers in their chapter work. And what is that but living under the dominant influence of Beta spirit and striving for the honors that reflect glory upon your chapter and hence yourself, as one of its members. It seems almost needless to tell you that your rushing and pledging men who will bring credit to your chapter,—which work is one of the most important activities of the chapter,—indirectly brings reflected distinction to yourself as one of their fraternity brothers. Not only that, but your excellence in scholarship or in athletics or in class activities, which contributes greatly to the position of your chapter, is ostensibly as great an achievement and honor to yourself. Likewise, the work you do in internal organization, chapter letters, chapter policies, etc., will live after you as surely as the epitaphs in Westminster Abbey will live through all time as monumental tributes to the men in whose name they were written.

And remember, try as you may, you can never give to Beta Theta Pi as much as you take from it. Whereas, you have the work and intellect of only one person to disseminate throughout a chapter of forty men and a national

organization of thirty-two thousand, and, whereas, the mighty stream of the force and intellect of an order of thirty-two thousand men of almost a century's standing to say nothing of an immediate group of forty men, is being converged into the small channel of your lone self,—I ask you, who is the gainer?

Shakespeare divides life into seven stages; for our purpose, we need observe but two, childhood and manhood. But it is interesting to see that the entire cycle of life occurs in the chapter career. As a child and youth



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The middle house in the block is the
Beta house

you have been reared and cared for in your guardians' preparing you for the tasks of your manhood. As you mature, you come into the responsibilities of your age, and immediately discharge them in proportion to the efficiency of your training, assuming your ability to be normal. Likewise, in college, you enter the chapter absolutely unfamiliar with fraternity and college life. You are then taken in tow by those who preceded you and instructed as to the performance of your duties later on. As time passes, your position relative to the chapter matures and you find yourself in the responsibility of vitalizing the chapter, and, incidentally, you discharge that responsibility not only in proportion to your willingness to do, but also to the

efficiency of your training. Remember, you are the seed plant, the embryo, if you please, from which this chapter is to derive its future life and personnel. It consequently behooves each and every man who goes before you not to leave a stone unturned in his efforts to prepare your hearts and to equip your minds with the materials requisite to your successful assumption of the duties incumbent upon the leaders of Zeta Phi chapter. Perfection in this field, moreover, can be gained only with your co-operation. And, freshmen, we are depending upon you to come across with that. Are you going to do your share toward keeping Beta Theta Pi, now your organization as much as ours, in the unique position it has held for eighty-eight years—the premier collegiate organization of the world? I believe you will. God



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willing, the only alternative will be an improvement upon the work of your predecessors.

SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS

Meeting One

- I. Outline of course.
 - a. Weekly meetings.
 - b. Three continuous divisions.
 1. History (prepared by class).
 2. Talk by older member.
 3. Personal criticism and commendations.
 - c. Assigning of history reports.
- II. Reading or giving of prepared talk.
- III. A few criticisms and commendations by older men to show the operation of "Round Table."

Meeting Two

- I. History report by older member, from founding of Phi Beta Kappa to 1839. (*Baird's Manual*, vid. Introduction.)
- II. Talk, "Respect."
 - a. Respect for older members who have had advantage of two or three years' experience.
 - b. Respect for faculty, older people, girls and townspeople. Courtesy to all guests, especially parents of members.
 - c. Respect for chapter and its traditions.
- III. "Round Table," started by older men.



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Meeting Three

- I—History Report by Freshman. Chapter I. Handbook.
- II—Talk, "Tradition."
 - a—A properly built up tradition, not an antiquated habit, is a custom which social experience has found best to perform.
 - b—Beta Theta Pi and this Chapter have such traditions which all members must observe.
 - c—Such traditions are seen in the behavior of upperclassmen.

Examples:

- 1—No card playing, raffling or "doubtful" gambling in house.
- 2—Recognition of preëminence of Scholarship.
- 3—Striving of all to perform meritorious work for chapter.
- 4—Respect for injunctions of upperclassmen.
- 5—No slandering of rival fraternity for prospect of gain.

III—Round Table.

Meeting Four

- I—History Report. Chapter II. Handbook.
- II—Talk: "Service to Chapter."
 - a—Recapitulation of last half of first prepared talk.
- III—Round Table.



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Meeting Five

- I—History Report. Chapter III. Handbook.
- II—Talk: "Scholarship."
 - a—Scholarly training fundamental purpose of collegiate training.
 - b—General rating of fraternities determined largely by scholarship.
So rated by faculty, townspeople and national organization.
 - c—High scholarship incentive to good morale within Chapter.
- III—Round Table.

Meeting Six

- I—History Report. Chapter IV. Handbook.
- II—Talk: "Individual Popularity."
 - a—Chapter must have friends. They give prestige and assistance to Chapter.

- b—Chapter secures friends through its members.
- 1—Each member an authorized representative with whomsoever he meets.
- 2—Hence his friends or enemies are the friends and enemies of Chapter.
- c—Individual popularity gains one honors around school, all such distinctions bringing credit to Chapter.

III—Round Table.

Meeting Seven

- I—History Report. Chapter V. Handbook.
- II—Explanatory Talk: "Policy of Chapter toward Non-Fraternity Men."
 - a—Non-Fraternity men control politics of school, and ofttimes give valuable assistance, hence friends among them are desired.
 - b—Methods of securing friendships:
 - 1—Democratic attitude.
 - 2—Membership in minor organizations, Atheneans, Policy Club, etc.
- III—Round Table.

Meeting Eight

- I—History Report. Present Organization and extent of Fraternity.
- II—Explanatory Talk: "Policy of Chapter toward Fraternity Men."
 - a—Friendships with these hard to secure, but should be encouraged.
 - b—Enumeration of friendly and hostile chapters.
 - c—Explanation of anti-Betaism.
 - d—Attitude toward Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta.
 - 1—No purposeful antagonizing.
 - 2—No side stepping or boot licking.
- III—Round Table.

Meeting Nine

- I—History Report. Chapter V. Handbook.
- II—Explanatory Talk: "Policy of Chapter toward Girls and Sororities."
 - a—Fraternity not established to entertain girls, hence no "rushing" as a body.
 - b—Beta noted for its utmost respect and courtesy toward girls at all times.
 - c—Topic forbidden at table.
 - d—No formal distinction between sororities.
- III—Round Table.

Meeting Ten

- I—History Report. Reading of Constitution by director.
- II—Explanatory Talk: "Policy of Chapter toward gambling, drinking, swearing and immorality."
 - a—Within house positively forbidden by Chapter Statute.
 - b—Beta does not tolerate deplorable conduct on part of membership at any time.
 - c—Problem of sex hygiene not considered vital for discussion since it has never arisen.
- III—Round Table.

Meeting Eleven

- I—History Report. Reading of Constitution.
- II—Explanatory Talk: "Policy of Chapter toward School Politics."
 - a—Freshmen forbidden to enter.
 - b—Betas accept no minor offices.
 - c—Chapter does not work as unit. Members work and vote according to own inclination.
 - d—No Beta shall be known as politician. Professional politicians shall come to Beta with office.
 - e—Such activities under supervision of Activity Committee.
- III—Round Table.



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Meeting Twelve

- I—History Report. Reading of By-Laws.
- II—Talk: "Getting an Objective."
 - a—A flounderer never attains.
 - b—One who has a definite goal succeeds.
 - c—Each freshman should choose goal to be reached when a senior, according to capabilities. Activity Committee can assist.
 - d—Each man should fill up all time, but not encumber himself with more than he can do, which with some is the tendency.
 - e—Quality, not quantity.
 - f—Each man should help every other man find his opportunities.
- III—Round Table.

Meeting Thirteen

- I—History Report. House Manager and Commissary.
- II—Talk: "Beta Honor."

a—The indefinable, but very visible, quality of honor and the courage of one's convictions should permeate all his activities, both inside and out of the Chapter.

b—Let the conduct of every Beta be unimpeachable.

III—Round Table.

Meeting Fourteen

I—History Report. Treasurer.

II—Giving of Questions, Set I.

III—Round Table.



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Meeting Fifteen

I—History Report. Secretary.

II—Answering of Questions.

III—Round Table.*

* The Director should announce here that at the next meeting, all those who have questions or doubts should submit them for answer or correction by upperclassmen.

Meeting Sixteen

I—Answering of Questions.

II—Answering of all questions submitted by Freshmen.

III—Distributing of Initiation questions and instructions.

IV—Round Table (If desired).

Set I: Student Activities.

1—Who is Student President?

2—What are the functions of the Student Council?

3—Who are its members? How are they elected?

- 4—What are the functions of the Student Senate?
- 5—Who are its members? How are they elected?
- 6—What are the debating societies?
- 7—Who may become their members?
- 8—Who is President of the Ag Club?
- 9—Who is Editor-in-Chief of the Year Book? Business Manager?
- 10—Name the last three Student and Ag Club Presidents. Give their fraternities.
- 11—Who is the University President? The Deans?

Set II: Athletics.

- 1—Who is the football captain? Basketball? Track? Baseball? Tennis?
- 2—Who are the coaches? For what teams?
- 3—Who are eligible for the 'Varsities?
- 4—What world records does the University hold? Who are the holders? What are their fraternities?
- 5—What schools comprise the Missouri Valley Conference?
- 6—What Valley Championships has the University won in the last two years?

Set III: Fraternities and Sororities.

- 1—Name the fraternities. The sororities.
- 2—What is their ranking?

Beta Theta Pi.

- 1—Give the class of every member of this Chapter.
- 2—Who are the Betas on the University faculty?
- 3—Name the last two members of Phi Beta Kappa in this Chapter.

III. CHAPTER LIBRARY SUGGESTIONS.

EDWARD MAGUIRE, *Cornell '84.*

The experience of collecting and maintaining a chapter library is sometimes lacking among the undergraduate members of a fraternity chapter. Doubtless this is sometimes the case in a Beta chapter. Hence these suggestions are written with the hope that they may assist someone who may be wrestling with the problem. For the sake of brevity, I am tabulating the suggestions under three heads: Materials, Sources, Preservation.

I. MATERIALS.

1. Beta Theta Pi Official Publications.
 - (a) Set of the Beta Theta Pi Magazine.
 - (b) Set of Beta Theta Pi Catalogs.
 - (c) "Beta Theta Pi Handbook."
 - (d) "Forty Years of Fraternity Legislation."
 - (e) "A Decade of Fraternity Reconstruction."
 - (f) "Beta Letters."
 - (g) "Betas of Achievement."
 - (h) Set of Beta Theta Pi Song Books.
2. Baird's "American College Fraternities."
3. Chapter Records.
 - (a) Chapter records of all sorts, including minutes of pre-Beta period as well as of present; official correspondence (including letters

received and copies of letters sent), everything pertaining to the organization, progress, and development of the chapter—all manuscripts necessary for a complete history of the chapter, its members, and its relations with the college and the general fraternity.

- (b) *Printed matter*: Chapter periodicals, circular letters, reports, programs, announcements, etc.
- (c) *Biographic*: Brief sketch of each member as an undergraduate, this sketch being continued from time to time during alumni career and preserved—a life history available for the catalog and for many other purposes.
- (d) *Photographic*: Group and individual pictures of the members, of official and alumni visitors, visiting Betas of all chapters, chapter houses (interior and exterior views) and grounds, chapter friends



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and chapter affairs, everything of interest that can be recorded photographically, dated and marked for identification. Usually unmounted photographs can be made more easily, be more easily preserved and take up much less space.

- (e) *"Town and Gown"*: In exceptional cases where town and chapter interests are closely identical, a careful selection of local matters may contribute to the chapter history.
4. Publications of the College or University.
- (a) Sets of the most representative student and alumni publications.
 - (b) Official publications of the institution—as nearly complete sets as possible of regular publications.
 - (c) Occasional publications bearing on the history of the institution and its alumni.

5. Writings of and about Betas.
 - (a) At least one example of each of the works of representative Beta authors, as Sam Walter Foss, George Fitch, Samuel Merwin, "Eli Perkins," Frank G. Carpenter, etc., etc. Consult "Betas of Achievement" for lists, also the magazine files.
 - (b) Biographies, sketches, discussions, etc.
6. Some standard reference works.
7. A small well selected "browsing" library of cultural and recreational value—poetry, drama, essays, etc., etc.
8. If possible catalogs and other publications giving information about "our friendly rivals," especially those fraternities represented in the institution.

II. SOURCES.

1. About items 1 and 2 under "Materials," the publishers of the magazine, and the fraternity officers are glad to give information and can often supply the copies. Local alumni of all chapters would frequently be glad to supply gratis copies of the Magazine or other fraternity publications. The magazine exchange maintained by the University of Pennsylvania chapter is another source.
It is well to let the local alumni know of your library needs. Some of them will be interested in helping.
2. The source of item 3 "Materials" is the chapter itself. One of its most stringent rules should require the preservation in available form of all classes of material coming under this head.
3. Except student and alumni publications, those under item 4 "Materials" can usually be secured from the institution, without expense. Members of the chapter or the local alumni will usually supply enough copies of current publications. The important thing is to start early and never stop accumulating the chapter sets. Back volumes can sometimes be furnished by alumni or picked up in the college town.
4. Items 5, 6, 7, 8 under "Materials" may be selected from publishers' catalogs, but the advice of faculty members and librarians might be sought with advantage.
5. Since some items must be purchased and binding is to be provided for, every chapter budget should contain provision for the library.

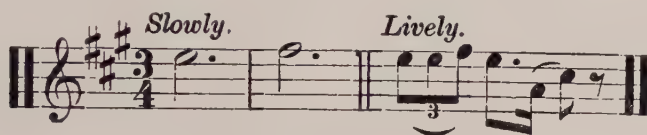
III. PRESERVATION OF THE LIBRARY.

1. Every chapter has its librarian and every librarian should have an assistant or understudy in training to succeed him.
2. Rules based on library procedure should be enacted by the chapter and enforced by the librarian. These rules should cover all points relating to the acquisition, preservation and use of the library.
3. All regular publications should be bound, also unbound special publications constituting single volumes, and all others that can be grouped under the same classification.
4. Material which cannot be bound should be filed under an established system, and indexed. Much matter under item 3, "Materials," is likely to fall under this head. Considerable versatility and originality can be shown in its preservation and classification. The scrap-book method for some items is excellent. The locking, metal, vertical filing cabinet, say

one of four drawers, with manila folders, such as are used for correspondence of letter size and smaller, has many things in its favor. Matter can be so easily classified and arranged, interpolated or withdrawn.

For many helpful suggestions, see the article entitled, "Working in Chapter Archives," by John L. Rose, Denison '21, in Vol. LIII, No. 2, Page 369, of The Beta Theta Pi Magazine.

5. The whole library should be listed by number, a regular accession list, and then classified and catalogued.
6. Cloth binding, as a rule, is much cheaper than leather and ordinarily wears longer.
7. A suitable book-plate is recommended.
8. Every well-constructed chapter house has a room for the library, which may well be also the trophy room and reading room. All new houses, of course, should be of fireproof construction.



THE BETA WHISTLE

THE CHAPTER MEETING

FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON, *Denison*, '82

The Chapter Meeting should be the most cherished of all the associations of the Fraternity. Its memories should linger while life lasts. Its functions are many. It is the place where Chapter traditions are magnified and where Chapter history is made. It is the place where Chapter and individual relationship to the larger Fraternity are emphasized. It is the place where the plans for chapter activities are worked out, through sharp discussion at times and with divergence of view, into harmonious agreement. It is the place where the administrative secrets of the Chapter are laid bare and where brother learns to judge brother for ability or for inefficiency in executive capacities. It is the place where fellow students are discussed with searching scrutiny and careful analysis of their strength or weakness as possible members of the Fraternity. It is the place where personal failings are frankly considered, where individual faults find correction through the severe but friendly criticism of brothers. It is the place where life's joys or sorrows are shared with delight or with sympathy. It is the place where the visiting brother feels most the strength of the fraternal tie. It is the place where fraternity songs of sentiment have greatest power in gripping the heart. It is the place for the "Mystic Circle" and the inspiring prayer of the "Doxology." It is, in fine, the sacred shrine of noble youth. No wonder that memories come fast when the alumni return and forms no stranger eye can see commune with them as they hear and join in the familiar hymn:

"We are singing again in the dear old hall
Of Beta Theta Pi,
Where oft we met to sing these songs
In golden days gone by."



EDWARD J. BROWN, *Hanover* '73



EDWARD B. STEVENS, *Miami* '43

TWO NOTABLE BETA BUILDERS



CHAPTER XXIII

DISTRICT REUNIONS AND CONFERENCES

I. THE DISTRICT REUNION

AN OUTLINE OF SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Being a Revision of District Chief Clarence I. Spellman's Report to the 82nd Convention Held at Estes Park, Colorado, in 1921. Presented at the 86th Convention of Beta Theta Pi at Bigwin Inn, Ontario, Canada, September 4, 1925, by a Committee on Revision comprising A. J. Priest, Idaho, Chairman; J. C. Whitten, Nebraska; Gordon S. Smyth, Pennsylvania

FOREWORD

A District Reunion should be what its name implies, a reassembling of every available Beta in the district for some if not all of the sessions. The mere gathering in of the clans has great inspirational value which can be obtained in no other way. The Chief should prepare a questionnaire of timely topics vital to his chapters and send it out several weeks in advance. This questionnaire should be answered briefly and clearly in writing and returned to the Chief prior to the reunion. At the reunion sessions these answers should be read aloud and followed by round table discussions. Between Friday morning and Sunday morning early in the second semester is a good time for the reunion. It is our belief that a reunion held in February is more beneficial than a similar gathering held in April or May. The social end is important. Smokers, banquet, supper, basketball game, and other proper stag events, etc., should be arranged as the season and other circumstances suggest. The host chapter should have one or more candidates ready for initiation. We regard an initiation as of vital importance at a reunion. The banquet or supper following the ritual may be made most effective. Obtaining a Beta speaker of some renown for this occasion is helpful.

Delegates should be registered, roll call noted, and arrangements made for keeping full minutes of all proceedings. Such committees as suggest themselves should be appointed. Among these should be a Committee on Recommendations which should formulate from the sessions such changes and improvements in chapter affairs and such suggestions for the good of the general order as have been developed at the meeting. These recommendations should be concisely reported and adopted. Copies should be furnished the chapters in the District, and a copy sent to the magazine for publication if desired. Some definite check should be made at the next reunion so as to ascertain which chapters followed the recommendations made. Where possible, every active member of every chapter in the District should attend the reunions. Pledges of the host chapter may attend all business sessions except those which take up discussions clearly not proper before uninitiated persons. Discussions at a District reunion should embrace ideals as well as mere statistics of chapter progress and achievement.

Programs for questionnaires and discussion may include:

Scholarship
Chapter Administration
Finance and House Management
Fraternity Cohesion
Rushing
Initiation

Suggested sub-topics follow:

SCHOLARSHIP.

I.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

- A. Personnel of committee on scholarship.
 1. How is this committee chosen?
 2. Is its chairman a Senior?
- B. What are its duties?
- C. How frequently and how fully does it report at chapter meetings?

II.

FACULTY CO-OPERATION.

- A. What specific assistance have you been able to obtain from members of the faculty in your attempt to raise scholarship?
 1. Are faculty members willing to give your scholarship committee weekly or semi-monthly advice as to the standing of chapter members?
 2. Do faculty members make suggestions which might prove helpful to men who are not doing creditable work?
- B. What is the attitude of members of your chapter toward the faculty?
 1. Do you realize that faculty members ordinarily appreciate friendliness on the part of undergraduates?
 2. Have you recovered from your school-boy illusion that the faculty is "the natural enemy"?
 3. Are members of the faculty entertained at meals or invited to occasional chapter functions?
- C. What is the college scholastic requirement for initiation?
 1. Do you not believe that a chapter of Beta Theta Pi should establish scholastic requirements of its own higher than the usual college requirements?

III.

SCHOLASTIC DISCIPLINE.

- A. Methods employed within the chapter.
 1. Are bulletin-board or black-list notices efficacious?
 2. What is the effect of a frank discussion of scholastic delinquencies at chapter meetings?
 3. Have you ever resorted to tubbing or similar strenuositities by way of disciplining the man who can study effectively and who is not so inclined?

4. Are flunkers and near-flunkers forbidden dates, week-end absences and like privileges?
 5. Do you maintain a special study table for men whose scholarship is low?
 6. Do you have a general "Study Hall"?
 7. Are study hours rigidly kept?
- B. Outside influences.
1. Do you obtain co-operation from local alumni in your attempts to raise scholarship?
 2. Are faculty members asked to make direct suggestions to men who are not doing satisfactory work?
 3. Do chapter officers correspond with parents of men who are in the scholastic danger zone?



THE LEHIGH CHAPTER HOUSE
View from the Side Approach.

- C. Do you know how rival fraternities deal with scholarship problem?
1. How, particularly, do our rivals handle delinquents in this respect?
- D. Do you believe that men who utterly fail should be requested not to return to college?
1. Consider this question both from the viewpoint of the man who can study and will not do so and from the viewpoint of the man who, because of ill health or other limitations, is unable to work effectively.

IV.

IN GENERAL.

- A. Is there a genuine desire in your institution and in your chapter to excel in scholarship?

1. What are the reasons for this desire or lack thereof?
2. What is the chapter's attitude toward Phi Beta Kappa and similar honorary societies?
3. How many men have you in honorary scholastic societies?
- B. What is your chapter's relative scholastic standing among the fraternities on your campus?
 1. What does last published report show?
 2. Where do you think you will stand at the end of the present college year?
- C. What success has your scholastic committee had in raising your chapter's standing?
 1. Give specific reasons, if possible, for failure or success.



THE COLGATE CHAPTER HOUSE

CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

I.

CHAPTER OFFICERS.

- A. The Chapter President.
 1. What are his qualifications?
 - a. Personality.
 - b. Fraternity Experience.
 - c. Loyalty to Chapter and College.
 - d. Accessibility.
 - (1) The Chapter President should always live in the chapter house.
 - e. Parliamentary experience.
 - (1) Experience along this line is especially valuable to a chapter president in his capacity as presiding officer.

- f. Training and experience as a ritualist.
 2. Is your chapter familiar with Kenneth W. Rogers' monograph entitled "The Chapter President," published in the November, 1922, number of *Beta Theta Pi*, pages 256-275 and in the *Beta Book*?
 3. Does your chapter president realize that the District Chief and National Officers hold him personally responsible for the success or failure of his chapter during his administration?
- B. The Chapter Treasurer.
1. What are his qualifications?
 - a. Personality.
 - (1) Does he command respect? Can he enforce discipline? Will he be able to collect house accounts promptly?
 - b. Training and experience.
 - (1) Has he a knowledge of accounting? Has he had any experience in ordering foodstuffs in quantities, directing servants, etc.?
 2. Is he training a regularly chosen assistant who can assume his important duties?
- C. The Chapter Secretary.
1. What are his qualifications?
 - a. Does he know enough about the English language to be able to express himself clearly and forcefully in writing?
 - b. Is he prompt, punctual and conscientious?
 - c. Is he a sincere, loyal, interested, enthusiastic Beta?
 - d. Can he use a typewriter?
 2. Does he realize the importance of his duties as liaison officer between his chapter and the national fraternity?
 3. Is he training an assistant who will be able to carry forward his vitally important work?
- D. The Chapter Recorder.
1. What are his qualifications?
 - a. Can he express himself clearly and intelligently?
 - b. Does he write legibly?
 - c. Is he thorough, conscientious and painstaking?
 2. Does he realize that he is preparing a record of chapter life which may prove supremely important to the future Beta historian?
- E. The Lesser Officers.
1. The Alumni Secretary.
 - a. Is he an enthusiastic Beta?
 - b. Does he remember names and faces?
 - c. Is he prompt and punctual in matters of correspondence?
 2. The Librarian and Archivist.
 - a. Is he dependable, thorough, conscientious?
 - b. Does he realize the value of a complete record, photographic and otherwise, of chapter life?

3. Other Officers.
 - a. What other officers are elected by your chapter?
 - b. What are their duties?
 - c. Is your rushing chairman elected or appointed?
- F. Time of Election and General Observations.
 1. When are your officers elected?
 2. Do they serve throughout a full college year?
 3. Is your president invariably an incoming Senior?
 4. From what classes are your Treasurer and Secretary chosen?



THE DENVER CHAPTER HOUSE

11.

CO-OPERATION WITH COLLEGE AUTHORITIES.

- A. Is your chapter a distinct asset and adjunct to your college?
 1. Are your chapter officers ready and eager to co-operate with the College President, the Dean of Men and other college authorities?
 2. How is your chapter regarded by the college administration?
 3. Do you attempt to assist the college authorities by penalizing breaches of discipline that come within the chapter's jurisdiction?
- B. Are your relations with individual faculty members cordial?
 1. Do Betas on the faculty attend your meetings? Are they present at your social functions?
 2. Do active members cultivate and realize the value of faculty friendships?

III.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER FRATERNITIES.

- A. Is your chapter aware of the prohibition against "political" combinations with other fraternities contained in the Constitution of Beta Theta Pi?
- B. Is your chapter a cordial supporter of your local Pan-Hellenic organization?
 - 1. What do you know about the work of the National Interfraternity Conference?
- C. Do you know what penalty attaches to membership in T.N.E., Kappa Beta Phi and similar organizations?
- D. What, generally, is the attitude of other fraternity men toward your chapter?
 - 1. Are you respected? Liked? Feared? Admired? Considered snobbish? Considered democratic?
- E. How cordial are your relations with non-fraternity men?

IV.

IN GENERAL.

- A. Relations with Parents of members.
 - 1. Are your chapter officers hesitant about corresponding with the parents of members?
 - 2. Are your members encouraged to write home regularly?
 - 3. Have you tried holding a Mother's day? Father's day?
 - 4. Has your chapter organized a Beta Mothers' Club?
 - a. State what co-operation the chapter has received from your Beta Mothers' Club?
 - b. Do you make a practice of entertaining the Beta Mothers at least twice each year?
- B. Chapter Organization.
 - 1. What, in general, is your scheme of chapter management?
 - a. How efficient is your President? Treasurer? House Manager?
 - b. Do you hold special meetings of upper-classmen to discuss chapter problems?
 - 2. Chapter Discipline.
 - a. Have you strict chapter laws against drinking? Gambling? Are they rigidly enforced?
 - b. How do you handle loafers? Flunkers?
 - c. What is the chapter's attitude toward card-playing?
 - 3. What methods do you employ to encourage participation in athletics, musical organizations, debating, dramatics, college journalism and other college activities?
- C. What is your chapter's attitude toward affiliation?
 - 1. Are Betas from other chapters ever affiliated?
 - a. If so, do you make full investigation before extending an invitation to affiliate?

2. Are chapter privileges extended to non-affiliated under-graduate Betas?
- D. Relations with the National Fraternity.
 1. Does your chapter appreciate the strength, power and influence of the national organization?
 2. Is your chapter fully aware of its status as a component part of a great national fraternity?
 3. Do you keep the national organization in mind—study its aims, policies, and plan a contribution to future Beta advancement?
 4. Are all reports required by the National Officers sent in promptly?
 - a. To the General Secretary?
 - b. To the General Treasurer?
 - c. To the Keeper of the Rolls?
 - d. To the Editor of the Magazine?
 - e. To the District Chief?

FINANCE AND HOUSE MANAGEMENT.

I.

GENERAL PLAN OF HOUSE MANAGEMENT.

- A. What are the duties of your House Manager?
 1. Are the Steward and Treasurer the same man?
 - a. If these duties are divided, please state what you believe is accomplished by such division?
 - b. If the Steward and Treasurer carry separate accounts, are both such accounts carefully audited?
 - c. Is your chapter table operated by an outsider?
 2. Is your House Manager efficient?
 - a. Does he enforce discipline?
 - (1) In the study hall? Dormitories? Dining-room?
 - b. Does he collect house accounts promptly and pay promptly all obligations incurred by the chapter?
- B. The Uniform Accounting System.
 1. Does your chapter use the uniform accounting system?
 - a. If not, what modifications have you made and why do you consider them improvements?
 - b. What criticism of the uniform accounting system do you wish to offer?
 - c. Has your Treasurer had sufficient accounting experience to enable him to keep the chapter's records in accordance with the uniform system prescribed?
- C. Collection of Accounts.
 1. What means have you employed in forcing prompt collection of chapter accounts?
 - a. Do you add interest penalties to delinquent accounts?
 - b. Do you suspend from chapter privileges after a prescribed time?

- c. Do you require delinquents to leave the chapter table?
- d. Do you send the names of alumni delinquents to the General Treasurer?
- 2. What is the status of your members' accounts?
 - a. Amount owed by active members?
 - b. Amount owed by alumni and non-graduates?
- D. Is your chapter table operated at a profit?
 - 1. How do you charge for board and room compared with similar charges made in men's dormitories?

II.

GENERAL FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

A. Budget system.

- 1. Do you carefully prepare, before the beginning of each college year, a budget covering all estimated expenditures and estimated revenue?
 - a. If your Treasurer feels incompetent to undertake the preparation of such a budget, he always can obtain help from alumni, from faculty members (Professor of Accounting, Bursar or Dean of Men) or from the chapter's banker or other friends in town.
- 2. Do you definitely live within your budget, never spending a dollar more than your income warrants?
- 3. Do you carry a "depreciation reserve" or replacement account to provide for the replacement of worn-out furniture and like equipment to meet the inevitable depreciation in value of other physical property?
- 4. Do you believe that "paying" members should "carry" indefinitely the brethren who either cannot or will not meet their chapter house obligations?

B. Financial relations with National Fraternity and with Alumni.

- 1. How do you stand with the General Treasurer?
 - a. Are National Dues always remitted promptly? Baird fund fees?
 - b. Has the National Treasurer ever been required to bring pressure to bear upon your chapter to enforce the collection of a delinquent balance just before convention time?
- 2. Do you urge your alumni to become subscribers to the Baird fund?
 - a. Through your chapter paper?
 - b. Through personal solicitations?
- 3. Do your alumni exercise any sort of control over your finances?
 - a. Through an alumnus named for that purpose?
 - b. Through an alumni committee?
- 4. Does your chapter have a House Mother?
 - a. If so, what are the advantages of that system?

5. Do you own your chapter house?
 - a. Is it owned by an alumni corporation or association?
 - (1) If so, what is the present status of your house-holding corporation?
 - b. What rent do you pay to your alumni?
 - c. What is the value of your chapter house?
 - (1) Land?
 - (2) Building?
 - (3) Furnishings?
 - d. Do you carry adequate fire insurance, including insurance on members' personal effects?
 - e. What, if any, mortgage liens or other encumbrances are there outstanding against your property at the present time? Are all taxes and assessments paid?
 - f. In the event you do not own a house, what plans are you making to acquire a house in the near future?
 - g. Is your present house adequate and suitable for the chapter's needs?
6. When did you last seek financial contributions from your alumni?
 - a. For what purpose or purposes?
 - b. How did they respond?
7. What is the status of your alumni notes?
 - a. Explain your note system?
 - b. What is your chapter's percentage of delinquencies?

INITIATION.

I.

THE INITIATION PROPER.

- A. Is your presentation of the ritual a dignified and letter-perfect ceremony?
 1. Are all parts carefully memorized?
 2. Are they given with fervor—with some sense of their dramatic possibilities?
 3. How many rehearsals did you hold prior to your most recent initiation?
- B. Do you follow the ritual in exact detail?
 1. Do you sing all the songs for which the ritual provides?
 2. Do you present the Allegory of the Beta Temple?
- C. What initiation paraphernalia does your chapter possess and what is its condition?
 1. Do you own a complete set of the official robes?
 - a. Does your District own such a set?
 - b. How many of the robes, if not a complete set, do you own?
 2. Are your transparencies, cauldron equipment, etc., in good condition?
 3. Where is your initiatory paraphernalia kept?

II.

IN GENERAL.

- A. Preparation of the candidate.
 - 1. Are you familiar with the so-called "Missouri plan" of Freshman training?
 - 2. Approximately how much time do your candidates devote to fraternity study?
 - 3. How many songs are they required to learn?
 - 4. Do you comply with the spirit and letter of the fraternity law against all forms of horse-play?
 - 5. If you carry on any type of probation week, please explain your practices in detail.
- B. Attendance at initiations.
 - 1. How many alumni were present at your most recent initiation?
 - 2. Are alumni of your chapter and Betas living in and near your college town invited to attend initiations? Specify what methods you are using to increase alumni attendance at initiations.
 - 3. Do you arrange a banquet or other form of entertainment immediately following the presentation of the ritual?
- C. What suggestions have you to offer for the improvement of our initiatory ceremony?

FRATERNITY COHESION.

I.

ALUMNI CONTACT.

- A. Alumni Secretary.
 - 1. Is this position filled by an upper or lower classman?
 - 2. Does he keep a card index roster of Chapter membership brought down to date not less than twice a year?
 - a. Are these cards started as soon as the members leave college?
 - b. Are changes in address promptly communicated to the keeper of the rolls?
 - 3. Are alumni reminded through the Chapter paper to give corrections in addresses?
 - 4. Are alumni urged through the Chapter paper to subscribe to the Baird Fund and thus secure the magazine for life?
- B. Chapter Publicity.
 - 1. How often are Chapter letters issued?
 - 2. Do they contain:
 - a. Notes of the doings of graduates?
 - (1) Are alumni reminded to assist the editor by sending in these items?
 - (2) Have you considered the value of having an alumnus on the editorial staff of your paper?
 - b. An account of honors to members, both alumni and active?
 - c. News of Chapter activities, such as rushing, class elections, honors, etc.?

- d. Items of interest concerning the college as well as the fraternity? (Always interesting to an alumnus living at some distance.)
3. Are they sent to:
 - a. All other chapters?
 - b. The national officers?
 - c. All district chiefs?
4. Do you get out summer letters to keep the members of the active chapter in touch during the vacation?
 - a. Is this a good way to keep the members in contact and in touch with rushing and other developments?
 - b. Have you tried the so-called progressive letter started by the President and sent from one member to another, each adding something in turn?
5. Do you save other chapter letters? (It is suggested that by saving a few of the best publications received from other chapters during each year a rather interesting and valuable collection might be obtained.)
6. Do you contribute copy regularly to the Magazine?
7. Do you maintain the chapter archives in proper form?
 - a. Are valuable documents stored in safety deposit vaults?
 - b. Are other letters carefully filed in fire-proof filing cabinets?
8. Do you maintain a Chapter Diary and Scrap Book? (It is suggested that both be kept, as together they form a more complete story of Chapter life than can be gathered from either alone.)
9. Do you maintain a Chapter Library?
 - a. Does it include as complete a file as possible of the Beta Magazine?
 - (1) Do you make use of the Pennsylvania Chapter Magazine Exchange for obtaining missing numbers?
 - (2) Are the volumes of the Magazine bound from year to year?
 - b. Does the Library include other matters such as texts, fiction, etc.?
 - (1) What effort have you ever made to build up a Chapter Library?

II.

ALUMNI ACTIVITY.

A. Chapter Counselor.

1. Does your Chapter Counselor take an interest in his work and give you the benefit of his help and advice?
2. Have you made it a practice to call upon him for help in individual and chapter problems? (The Chapter Counselor cannot be expected to function unless his help is asked, for he will hesitate to force unrequested advice upon the Chapter.)

B. Alumni Organization.

1. What is the system of organization of the alumni of your chapter or state?
2. Alumni Committees.
 - a. By whom appointed?
 - b. Do they function?
3. Have your alumni created a Chapter Loan Fund?
 - a. How is it managed and what are its terms?
4. Have the alumni been called on by you for financial assistance within the last year? If so, for what and how did they respond?
5. Does the alumni organization take an active part in the management of the chapter property?
6. How many of your alumni are members of the Baird Fund?

III.

IN GENERAL.

A. Relations with the National Fraternity.

1. Does your chapter as a whole have a comprehensive knowledge of the history, ideals and organization of Beta Theta Pi?
2. What means are used to insure this knowledge?
 - a. Do you maintain a Freshman School for instruction of the pledges along these lines, and are they held to strict compliance with the pre-initiation examination?
 - b. Are Chapter meetings devoted entirely to Chapter business, or are aspects of the National Fraternity discussed?
 - c. Have you tried the plan of having short talks by members on chapter and fraternity history, etc.?
 - d. Has your Chapter ever discussed the problem of fraternity expansion?
3. National Convention.
 - a. Do Chapter members boost the National Convention and urge attendance?
 - b. Does your Chapter send a Freshman delegate in addition to the Official delegate?
4. What suggestions have you to make for the advancement of the Fraternity?

B. Chapter.

1. Is the Chapter's reputation, bearing and attitude toward right living, right thinking, helpfulness and character building such that parents welcome an opportunity for their sons to join?
2. If the Chapter is weak on any of these points, what steps are you taking to correct such weakness?

RUSHING.

I.

SECURING AND INVESTIGATING PROSPECTS.

A. Alumni Assistance.

1. Do you have effective alumni aid in securing material?
 - a. Do you call to the attention of alumni through the Chapter letters and otherwise the necessity for their help?

- b. Do you acknowledge, promptly upon receipt, information sent you by alumni?
- c. Do you also, at the end of the rushing season, report to the alumnus the final result of the matter?
2. About what per cent of your total list of prospects is received from alumni?
3. What is your Chapter's opinion as to the preference, if any, a Beta's son should have over other candidates?
4. Have you organized active Look-Out Committees in the larger cities from which you draw?
5. Is a State Rush Committee feasible?
6. How can more effective alumni aid in rushing be secured?

B. Chapter Work.

1. Does each member keep in contact with the boys in his own community?
2. What method do you use for getting in touch with material in communities where no member of the fraternity resides? (It is advisable to make the chapter membership as widespread as possible. Several methods can be employed for locating outstanding boys in communities where there are no active or alumni Betas. The Chapter should, if possible, secure dates with such prospects; some excellent material may thus be obtained and the fraternity extended into another community.)
3. Do you keep in touch with good prospects through the last year or two of their high school work?
4. Do you require active members to return to college by the first day of rush week?
 - a. How is this rule enforced?

C. Chapter Rush Committee.

1. Organization:
 - a. How chosen?
 - b. How is the work divided?
 - c. Do you have district chairmen for the various sections of the state?
2. Do you use date cards?
3. Does the Rush Committee prepare a chart with the name of all rushees, day and hour of engagement, and place where they are to be met, for use during rush week?
4. Does the Rush Committee keep a card index of rushees and a file of its correspondence with them?
5. Does the Committee keep in touch with rushees who have been guests of the Chapter prior to the time when they are rushed?

D. Investigating Prospects.

1. Do you secure data as complete as possible regarding each candidate?
 - a. Do the date cards sent to alumni to be filled in by them contain space for notes as to standing and ability of candidates?
 - b. If not, how do you obtain this information?

2. Do you investigate the standing of each rushee as to scholarship?
3. What do you do when you have an apparently good prospect about whom you have little or no information, and who comes from a community where there is no Beta from whom it can be obtained?

II.

SELECTING AND BIDDING PROSPECTS.

A. Selection.

1. What qualifications in a rushee do you consider most important?
2. Does your Chapter concentrate largely on men interested in one particular field of college work or campus activity?
 - a. Would your Chapter be weakened or improved by a change in this policy?
3. Does your Chapter draw from the entire territory served by your college, or does it concentrate in a few centers? Is this a good plan?
4. What is your procedure in voting on candidates during rush week?

B. Bidding.

1. Do you make use of the services of alumni in bidding? If so, how much of the bidding do they do?
2. Do you have a Rushing School to train the active members for this work?
 - a. How many members have you who can extend a bid well?
 - b. If you have such a school, describe its plan.
3. What are the college or interfraternity council restrictions on rushing?
4. Outline your method and procedure in rushing.
5. What arguments have you found most successful?
6. Rushing competition from other fraternities:
 - a. To what extent do you refer specifically to rival chapters in rushing against them?
 - b. Have any of your rivals an especially effective plan or system of rushing?

C. On the average, how many invitations do you lose?

D. What fraternity is your strongest competitor?

1. Why?

2. What success do you have in rushing against it?

E. Does your rushing chairman make a point of studying reports of the national convention committee on rushing as printed in Special No. 1 of the Magazine?

II. CONFERENCE OF CHAPTER PRESIDENTS.

A SUGGESTED PROGRAM

Being a Report presented at the 86th General Convention of Beta Theta Pi at Bigwin Inn, Ontario, Canada, September 4, 1925, by a committee comprising Gordon S. Smyth, Pennsylvania, A. J. Gustin Priest, Idaho.

PURPOSES.

Recent in development, but already decidedly significant in district and chapter administration, the conference of chapter presidents should achieve a fourfold purpose:

1. There should be mapped out clear and definite college-year programmes for each chapter and for the district as a whole;
2. Chapter leaders should be made to realize their important responsibilities, and be schooled as thoroughly as possible in the duties of their several offices, and should be inspired with the idealism of the Fraternity;
3. There should be established a close and intimate relationship between the Chief and the chapter officers;
4. Important business transacted at the General Convention should be discussed and consequential changes in the constitution and laws or in Fraternity policy should be explained in detail.

TIME AND PLACE.

The conference should be held within two weeks after the college opens in the Fall, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The place of meeting need not necessarily be rotated from chapter to chapter, but should be chosen primarily for the convenience of both chapters and Chief. One full day should be devoted to this gathering. Easy chairs, smokes, and a comfortable, well-ventilated room are helpful adjuncts. Every effort should be made to guard against interruptions. Saturday is usually the day selected, since it does not, as a rule, interfere with classes. Both morning and afternoon sessions should be held, but an interval of at least two hours should be given for luncheon. If there is a football game in the afternoon, all delegates should attend of course, being guests of the host chapter, and sessions may be continued in the evening. All discussions should be thorough but should not be unnecessarily prolonged. Chapter presidents and chapter treasurers should always arrange to be present, and it also is advisable to bring into the conference all officers and interested upper-classmen of the host chapter.

PREPARATORY WORK.

The Chief should begin his plans for the Presidents' Conference at the district reunion held the previous Spring. His complete program should be matured soon after his return from the General Convention. Definite plans, suggestions for chapter improvements, etc., should be prepared in writing and delegates should be furnished with copies calling attention to matters pertaining to their own chapters. Whenever possible, delegates should be advised to prepare studies of specific chapter problems. Particular attention should be given recommendations made by the General Convention. Suggestions for changes in the conference program should be welcomed.

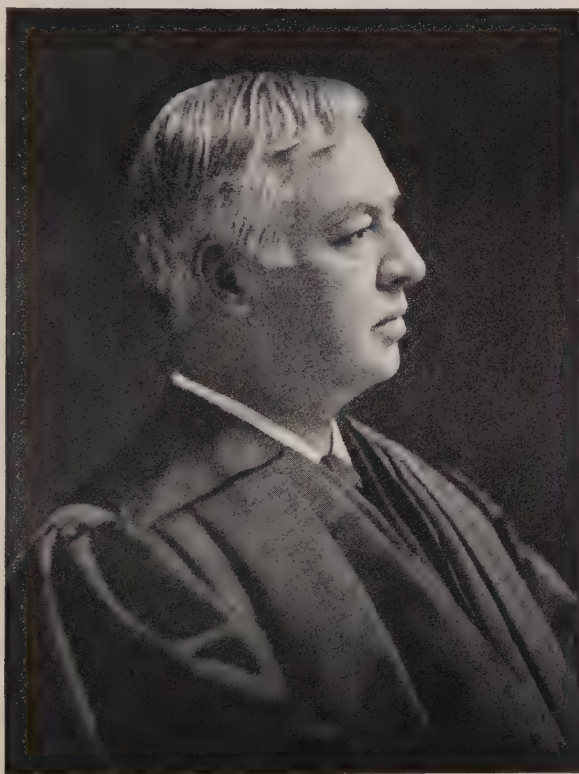
PROGRAM.

The following general topics, with such sub-topics as may suggest themselves, should be discussed.

1. Scholarship.
2. Finances.
3. Table and house management.
4. Conduct of meetings.

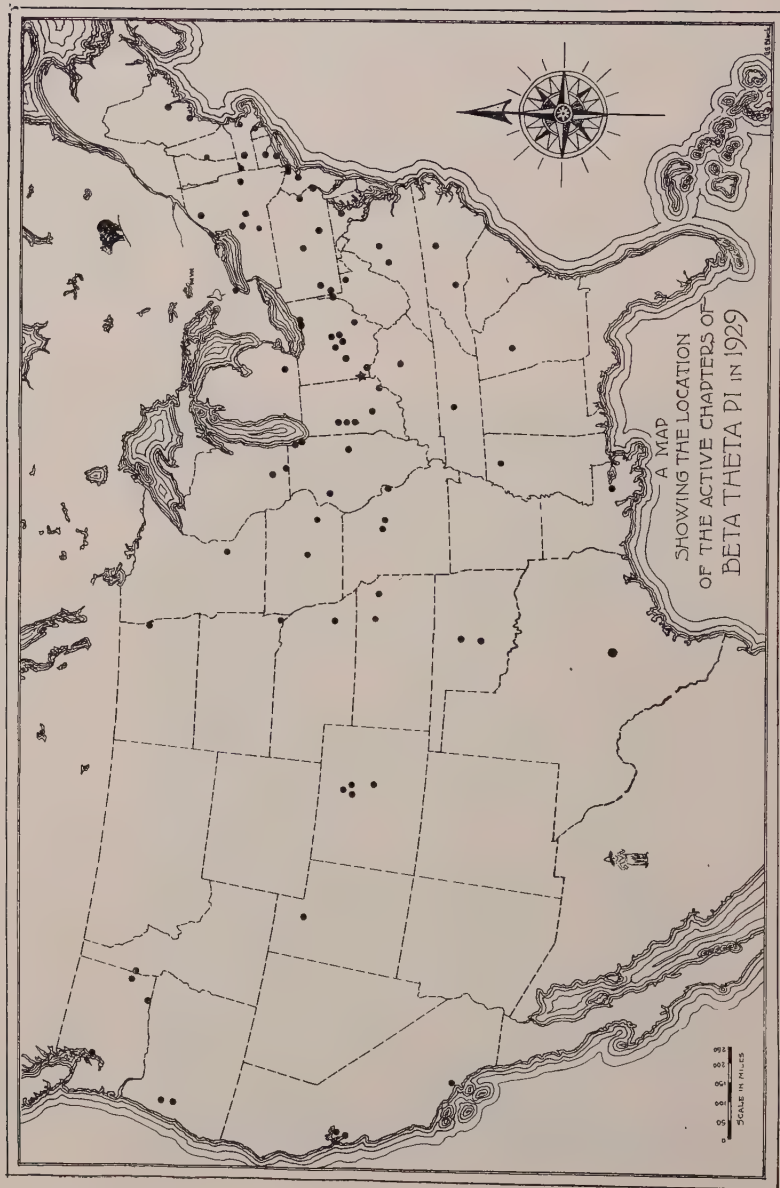
5. Rushing.
6. Initiation.
7. Alumni relationships.
8. Responsibilities of, and opportunities for, leadership.
9. The ideals of Beta Theta Pi.
10. Definite goals for each chapter.
11. Definite goals for the District as a whole.

The entire year's program should be worked out in as much detail as possible. This conference gives every Chief his chance to begin the year properly by showing all chapter officers what will be expected of them. Emphasis should be placed on the check-up to be made at the District reunion. Plans for the District reunion, including the selection of place and date, should be made at the Presidents' conference. East District Chief will, of course, develop his own modifications of these suggestions, but we believe that the program here outlined will be found helpful.



JOSEPH R. LAMAR, *Bethany* '78

A General Secretary of Beta Theta Pi who became Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.



BETA'S BROAD DOMINION

A drawing by former District Chief Gurdon G. Black, *Washington*, '01.

CHAPTER XXIV

THE CHAPTERS OF THE FRATERNITY

I. THE OFFICIAL ROLL

The chapter-roll, in the order of establishment of the chapters, and the number of members in each chapter on June 30, 1929, is as follows: The date preceding the name is the date of the chapter's foundation. A date in parentheses following a name indicates that the chapter ceased to be active at that time. The three institutions named in *italics* are chapters of the Mystical Seven which have not been revived.

1839. Alpha, Miami University.....	520
1840. Beta, Cincinnati College (1843).....	13
1841. Beta, Western Reserve University.....	416
1841. Beta Kappa, Ohio University.....	493
1842. Epsilon, Transylvania University (1847).....	21
1842. Gamma, Washington and Jefferson College.....	546
1843. Eta, Harvard University (1901).....	117
1843. Theta, Princeton University (1846).....	26
1845. Delta, De Pauw University.....	698
1845. Pi, Indiana University.....	661
1845. Lambda, University of Michigan.....	682
1846. Tau, Wabash College.....	489
1847. Zeta, Williams College.....	188
1848. Epsilon, Centre College.....	507
1849. Kappa, Brown University.....	486
1850. Zeta, Hampden-Sydney College (1912).....	235
1852. Eta Beta, University of North Carolina.....	322
1853. Theta, Ohio Wesleyan University.....	574
1853. Iota, Hanover College.....	372
1854. Mu, Cumberland University (1899).....	262
1855. Nu, Washington College, Pa. (united with Gamma).....	
1855. Xi, Knox College.....	445
1855. Omicron, University of Virginia.....	702
1856. Alpha Rho, Washington and Lee University.....	239
1856. Sigma, Illinois College (1866).....	26
1858. Upsilon, South Carolina College (1861).....	20
1858. Phi Alpha, Davidson College.....	357
1859. Chi, Oglethorpe University (1861).....	14
1860. Psi, Bethany College.....	420
1860. Chi, Beloit College.....	440
1863. Omega, United States Naval Academy (1863).....	6
1865. Alpha Alpha, Monmouth College (1878).....	51
1866. Alpha Beta, University of Iowa.....	460
1867. Alpha Gamma, Wittenberg College.....	419
1867. Alpha Delta, Westminster College.....	377
1868. Alpha Epsilon, Iowa Wesleyan College (1915).....	275
1868. Lambda Rho, University of Chicago.....	363
1868. Alpha Eta, Denison University.....	405
1869. Alpha Theta, Virginia Military Institute (1880).....	67
1869. Alpha Iota, Washington University (St. Louis).....	322
1871. Alpha Kappa, Richmond College (1896).....	118
1872. Alpha Lambda, College of Wooster (1913).....	241
1872. Alpha Mu, Howard College (1879).....	43
1872. Alpha Nu, University of Kansas.....	531

1873. Alpha Xi, Randolph-Macon College (1893).....	75
1873. Alpha Omicron, Trinity College, Texas (1881).....	50
1873. Alpha Pi, University of Wisconsin.....	590
1873. Rho, Northwestern University.....	508
1874. Alpha Sigma, Dickinson College.....	371
1876. Alpha Tau, College of William and Mary (1877).....	12
1876. Upsilon, Boston University (1915).....	312
1877. Alpha Phi, Virginia State College (1880).....	26
1877. Alpha Chi, Johns Hopkins University.....	366
1878. Alpha Psi, Butler College (1881).....	19
1879. Omega, University of California.....	413
1879. Beta Alpha, Kenyon College.....	314
1879. Beta Beta, University of Mississippi.....	238
1879. Beta Gamma, Rutgers College.....	384
1879. Beta Delta, Cornell University.....	581
1879. Sigma, Stevens Institute of Technology.....	306
1879. Beta Zeta, St. Lawrence University.....	409
1879. Beta Eta, University of Maine.....	504
1880. Phi, University of Pennsylvania.....	528
1880. Beta Theta, Colgate University.....	542
1881. Nu, Union University.....	299
1881. Alpha Alpha, Columbia University.....	436
1883. Beta Iota, Amherst College.....	511
1884. Beta Lambda, Vanderbilt University.....	338
1885. Theta Delta, Ohio State University.....	451
1886. Beta Omicron, University of Texas.....	321
1888. Alpha Tau, University of Nebraska.....	435
1888. Alpha Upsilon, Pennsylvania State College.....	347
1889. Beta Epsilon, Syracuse University.....	558
1889. Alpha Zeta, University of Denver.....	363
1889. Alpha Omega, Dartmouth College.....	900
1889. Beta Pi, University of Minnesota.....	425
1890. Mu Epsilon, Wesleyan University.....	544
1890. Beta Nu, University of Cincinnati.....	357
1890. Zeta Phi, University of Missouri.....	641
1891. Beta Chi, Lehigh University.....	255
1892. Phi Chi, Yale University.....	1061
1894. Lambda Sigma, Stanford University.....	302
1900. Beta Psi, West Virginia University.....	282
1900. Beta Sigma, Bowdoin College.....	316
1900. Beta Tau, University of Colorado.....	349
1901. Beta Omega, University of Washington (Seattle).....	338
1902. Sigma Rho, University of Illinois.....	362
1903. Beta Mu, Purdue University.....	302
1905. Lambda Kappa, Case School of Applied Science.....	275
1905. Tau Sigma, Iowa State College.....	268
1906. Theta Zeta, University of Toronto.....	226
1907. Gamma Phi, University of Oklahoma.....	321
1908. Beta Phi, Colorado School of Mines.....	262
1908. Beta Xi, Tulane University.....	174
1909. Beta Rho, University of Oregon.....	266
1912. Gamma Alpha, University of South Dakota.....	192
1913. Gamma Beta, University of Utah.....	360
1913. Beta Upsilon, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.....	243
1914. Gamma Gamma, University of Idaho.....	312
1914. Gamma Delta, Colorado College.....	246
1914. Gamma Epsilon, Kansas State College.....	259
1916. Gamma Zeta, Whitman College.....	230
1917. Gamma Eta, Georgia School of Technology.....	221
1919. Gamma Theta, State College of Washington, Pullman.....	162
1920. Gamma Iota, Carnegie Institute of Technology.....	213
1922. Gamma Kappa, University of North Dakota.....	200
1923. Gamma Lambda, Oklahoma State College.....	229

1924. Gamma Mu, Oregon State College.....	155
1926. Gamma Nu, University of California at Los Angeles.....	109
1841. <i>Emory College</i> (1858).....	58
1844. <i>University of Georgia</i> (1859).....	38
1850. <i>Centenary College, La.</i> (1861).....	39

The membership of the 85 active and 23 inactive chapters totals 33,156. In these lists there are 1,215 names entered more than once. Deducting these, the fraternity membership June 30, 1927 is 31,941.

The number of initiates is now about 1,000 per year.

The membership at eleven different periods has been: in 1849, 377; in 1859, 1,188; in 1865, 1,580; in 1875, 2,769; in 1883, 4,874; in 1890, 6,995; in 1898, 10,577; in 1905, 13,909; in 1911, 17,664; in 1917, 22,481, and in 1927, 31,941.

II. CHAPTER HISTORICAL NOTES

Beta Theta Pi has established 109 chapters, of which 86 are active in 1930. For those founded in the first forty years of the fraternity and a few others brief historical notes are added. The membership totals are brought down to June 30, 1929. The college name, rather than the official Greek letter name is used for clarity's sake:

- I. MIAMI August 8, 1839
By "the boys of '39," John Reily Knox, '39, David Linton, '39, Michael Clarkson Ryan, '39, John Holt Duncan, '40, Thomas Boston Gordon, '40, Samuel Taylor Marshall, '40, James George Smith, '40, and Charles Henry Hardin, '41, "of ever honored memory." Chapter became inactive in 1872 and so remained until June 22, 1886, when it was revived under the leadership of J. Newton Brown, '88, a transfer from the Wooster chapter.
2. CINCINNATI April 8, 1840
By a committee from the Miami chapter, Alexander Paddock, Thomas Boston Gordon, and Archibald William Hamilton, who initiated Henry Snow, Henry Beard, Louis Powell Harvey, and Stephen Gano. Chapter died 1843. Total membership, 13.
3. WESTERN RESERVE August 9, 1841
By Louis Powell Harvey, from the Cincinnati chapter, who initiated the members of "Boannergians," a loosely organized local. Chapter expelled 1868, for disloyalty, revived May 4, 1881, by the initiation of Albert P. Cook, '82, Nathan C. Stevens, '82, James W. Andrews, '83, Lewis P. Delano, '83, William B. Parmelee, '83, James A. Rohback, '84, and Howard S. Straight, '84.
4. OHIO November 9, 1841
By Henry Beard, from the Cincinnati chapter, who initiated Charles Champion Gilbert, '43, Ripley Christian Hoffman, '43, and John Calhoun Culbertson, '43, as charter members.
5. TRANSYLVANIA January 31, 1842
By Thomas Greene Mitchell, from the Cincinnati chapter, who initiated Daniel Breck, '40, Thomas Milton Kane, '42, and Samuel Redd Bullock, '42. They immediately elected Benjamin Rush Mitchell, '40, and Alexander Hamilton Robertson, '42, who were initiated the next day, February 1, 1842. Chapter died 1847. Total membership, 21.
6. JEFFERSON June 1, 1842
By Rodney Mason, from the Miami chapter, who initiated Ulysses Mercur, '42, Isaac Smith McMicken, '42, Abram Washington Hendricks, '43, and William May Houston, '43. In 1865 the chapter was consolidated with the one at Washington, the total membership of the Washington and Jefferson chapter being 516, 114 being in the Jefferson roll.

7. HARVARD September 5, 1843
By Archibald William Hamilton, from the Miami chapter, who initiated Charles Stewart McRae, '44, Peleg Emory Aldrich, '44, William Ware Peck, '44, William Baker, '44, and John Gage Marvin, '44. Chapter died in 1844, was revived in May, 1880 and died 1901. Total membership, 117.
8. PRINCETON November 7, 1843
By William McKendree Scott, from the Jefferson chapter, who initiated Frederick Thomas Brown, '45, Alexander John Graham, '45, and Archibald Alexander Little, '44. Chapter died 1846. Total membership, 16, or, including 10 members of an Alpha Sigma Chi chapter which was in Princeton two or three years, 1876-1879, 26.
9. INDIANA ASBURY (now De Pauw) April 23, 1845
By Robert Noble Hudson and Oliver Perry Morton, from the Miami chapter, who initiated James Harlan, '45, William Magbee Nisbet, '45, John Reeves Goodwin, '45, John Wesley Childs, '45, James Madison Reynolds, '46, and Newton Booth, '46.
10. INDIANA August 27, 1845
By Gavin Riley McMillan, from the Miami chapter, who initiated Thomas Blake Graham, '46, a friend of Oliver Perry Morton, and John George Clendenin, '46, as a nucleus for a chapter.
11. MICHIGAN November 13, 1845
By Benjamin Franklin Millard, from the Western Reserve chapter, who organized a group of seven students, his nephew among them, July 17, 1845 constituted them a chapter on November 13, 1845, when he initiated George Loomis Becker, '46, James Monroe Walker, '46, John Stoughton Newberry, '47, and Nathaniel West, '47, and then, with the consent of the University faculty, formally installed the chapter in the college chapel on November 15, 1845. The other three of the group, temporarily absent, were initiated a few days later, Paul Wideman Huntington Rawles, '45, Charles Beckwith, '49, and Barzillai Gray, '49.
12. WABASH July 22, 1846
By John Coburn, '46, a friend of Oliver Perry Morton of the Miami chapter, who was elected a member by the Miami chapter and had the necessary papers sent him by mail. By December, 1846, he initiated five others, John Shierer Hougham, '46, John Lyle Campbell, '48, John Wells Taylor, '48, Jesse Lynch Hohman, '49, and Varnum Daniel Collins, '50.
13. WILLIAMS February 5, 1847
By Timothy Dwight Pelton, from the Western Reserve chapter, who interested Alonzo Philetas Carpenter, '49. In several places Baird gives the date of institution as May 16, 1847. By July 31, 1847, the membership was eight, including Carpenter, and Leonard Addison Hendrick, '49, Alden Porter Beals, '49, John Bascom, '49, Joel Sumner Sanderson, '50, Robert Wilson Smith, '50, John Bagg Taylor, '50, and David Hine, '50. Chapter expelled 1851 but was re-established, largely through the efforts of George M. Chandler, Michigan '98, who enlisted the interest of a local fraternity, which was installed as Zeta chapter, by Clarence L. Newton, May 15, 1914.
14. CENTRE May 27, 1848
By Edmund Harris Munger, Robert Vance Moore and James Warnock, from the Miami chapter, who transferred to Centre on account of the "Snow Rebellion" at Miami. They initiated David L. MacDill and Aaron Parker Forman. The chapter became inactive during the Civil War, but was revived in January 1870 by W. W. Eastman, Hanover, '68 and W. K. Archibald, Hanover, '74, by the initiation of Andrew J. Cochran, Edward L. Warren, John B. Worrall and John W. Yerkes.
15. BROWN December, 1848
By Daniel Johnson Glazier, '51, an acquaintance of Alonzo P. Carpenter, of the Williams chapter. He gathered a group whom he initiated May 8,

1849, and constituted a chapter. Chapter expelled 1851, revived March 26, 1880. by the initiation of the members of the last surviving chapter of Phi Kappa Alpha.

16. HAMPDEN-SYDNEY April 24, 1850
By Charles Martin, '46, and William Henry West, '46, from the Jefferson chapter. Charter surrendered 1912. Total membership, 235.
17. NORTH CAROLINA April 28, 1852
By William Farinford Green, from the Jefferson chapter, who initiated Junius Irving Scales, '53, John Lindsay Morehead, '53, Nathaniel Eldridge Scales, '53, George Nicholas Thompson, '53, and Kenneth McKenzie Murchison, '53. It was inactive for some time but was revived in 1890 through the alliance of the Mystical Seven with Beta Theta Pi.
18. OHIO WESLEYAN April 17, 1853
By James Harvey Hills, '53, who was initiated for the purpose by Miami chapter March 3, 1853, when he was in Oxford visiting his uncle. When he returned to Delaware, Ohio, he interested Milton Mitchell, '53, Henry Clay Marshall, '55, and William Henry McReynolds, whom he initiated in Mitchell's room on April 17, 1853.
19. HANOVER May 19, 1853
By Mark Lindsey De Motte and several others from Indiana Asbury chapter, who initiated Edwin Hubbard Rutherford, '54, Benjamin Franklin Slocomb, '54, Gideon Blackburn McLeary, '53, Henry Spencer Scovel, '54, James Edgar Wilson, '54, James Andrew Cunningham, '53, Alexander Hunter, '54, William Alfred Hynes, '55, Richmond Kelley Smoot, '56, William Rondeau Sim, '54.
20. CUMBERLAND October 20, 1854
By efforts of the Centre chapter. Rendered inactive by the Civil War, the chapter was revived in the fall of 1865 and again in March, 1880, after a short lapse, but died in 1899. Total membership, 262.
21. WASHINGTON (Pa.) February 10, 1855
By Jefferson chapter, ten miles distant, which initiated John Hindman Sherard, '57, and William M. Stewart, '55, on February 10, 1855. These two, on February 17, 1855, initiated John Watson Hughes, '56, and Joseph Moore Waugh, '57. These four, counted charter members, adopted the median date, February 14, as the one to be celebrated as the anniversary. Chapter had 42 members when, in 1865, Washington and Jefferson colleges and chapters were consolidated.
22. KNOX April, 1855
Through the interest of Benton J. Hall, Miami, '55, a former student at Knox. Up to February 23, 1856, seven members were reported, Thomas Addis Emmet Holcomb, '55, William C. Goodhue, '56, John Vernon Morris, '56, Anson Brunson, '57, J. B. Robb, '57, Abram Neff, '58, and Samuel Caldwell, '58. Chapter died in 1874 and its charter was formally withdrawn by the convention of 1880. A new chapter was instituted September 6, 1888.
23. VIRGINIA April, 1855
By Richard McIlwaine and Lewis Littlepage Holladay, from the Hampden-Sydney chapter, who initiated William Gay Strange, '55, Frederick N. Read, '55, Thomas Lewis Preston, '54, Henry Mason Mathews, '54, Samuel Gilbert Compton, '55, and L. D. Meredith.
24. WASHINGTON (AND LEE) February 12, 1856
By Thomas Lewis Preston, from the Virginia chapter, who transferred to the then Washington College and initiated Daniel Blain, '58, Nathan Cobb Luck, '57, George Tate Lyle, '58, Samuel Cunningham Smith, '58, and A. H. Fultz, this group being counted a branch of the Hampden-Sydney chapter until other chapters voted favorably for a charter. Chapter died but was re-established November 10, 1917.

25. ILLINOIS (College) September, 1856
By William McKendree Springer, '58, a member of Indiana Asbury and Indiana chapters, who transferred to Illinois College. Chapter died 1866. Total membership, 26.
26. SOUTH CAROLINA January 31, 1858
By the Hampden-Sydney chapter, through William Campbell Lord, North Carolina, '58, who, after a preliminary visit and inquiry by James Park Coffin, North Carolina, '59, initiated Lewis Wardlaw Perrin, '58, William Clarke Wardlaw, '58, Lewis Perrin Foster, '58, Richard Valerius Gist, '61, Richard Caspar Simpson, '59, William Clarence Hane, '59, and William Grafton Stephenson, '59. Chapter died 1861. Total membership, 20.
27. DAVIDSON January 8, 1858
By Hampden-Sydney chapter. Killed by Civil War. Revived by Mystical Seven Alliance February 8, 1890.
28. OGLETHORPE June, 1859
By Joseph Graham Brown, from the Davidson chapter, who initiated members of a local society named "Epsilon." Chapter died 1861. Total membership, 14.
29. BELOIT October, 1860
By Elisha Morgan, Jr., from the Wabash chapter, who initiated Samuel Dexter Hastings, '63, Henry Sayre Osborne, '62, Samuel Erskine, '63, Samuel Klump Martin, '62, Henry Burton, '62, George Houston Cooper, '63, Lathrop Ezra Smith, '62, and Orville W. Coolidge.
30. BETHANY December 9, 1860
By Alfred Thurston Pope, from the Indiana chapter, who organized a group containing several of those who were in the local "Delta Tau Delta," an anti Phi Kappa Psi movement. He had the first members initiated by Nu chapter at Washington, Pennsylvania, about thirty miles away, Erasmus Frazier, '61, James Henry Bate, '61, and Thomas Tilghman Holton, '62, on June 28, 1860, and Benjamin Smith Keene, '65, and Claudius Marcellus Bonaparte Thurmond, '60, on June 29, 1860. He added William Randolph Cunningham on December 12, 1860, and J. C. McClintick on January 16, 1861, these making the seven members reported by him on March 16, 1861.
31. UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY May 2, 1863
By Robert Steele Ryors, from the Indiana chapter, a brother of Alfred Ryors of the Centre chapter, who was appointed to the Academy and joined Hugh Wilson McKee, Centre, '63, and John Gunnell Talbot, Centre, '63. They initiated Williamson Dunn, '64, David Clarence Woodrow, '64, John Jacob Hunker, '66, Franklin Hanford, '66, Marcus Bainbridge Buford, '65, and Godfrey Malborne Hunter, '65. Chapter died 1865. Total membership, 6.
32. MONMOUTH December 16, 1865
By James Erskine Moffatt, '66, from the Indiana chapter, who held a meeting in his room at Monmouth on Saturday evening, December 16, 1865, when he initiated Thomas Shaver, '66, Albert McCall, '67, and Joseph Claybaugh Gordon, '66. By election, Moffatt was chosen president and Gordon recorder. At this meeting, Hugh R. McClelland was elected to membership and he was initiated December 18, 1865. Chapter died 1878. Total membership, 51.
33. IOWA After May 18, 1866
By Louis Henry Jackson, from the Illinois chapter, who transferred to Iowa. On May 18, 1866, a letter from the presiding chapter reported one more favoring vote needed to authorize the chapter.
34. WITTENBERG January 18, 1867
By Edward Thomson and Homer Strawbridge Mouser, from the Ohio Wesleyan chapter, who initiated a Junior, three Sophomores, and a Freshman in the back room of a bookstore kept by James Winn Gunn, Indiana Asbury, '55. These were William Latta Martin, '68, Charles Darlington, '69, James P. Whitmore, '69, Frank C. Hormel, '69, and George Henry Smith, '70.

35. WESTMINSTER March 5, 1868
By John A. Kellar, from the Hanover chapter, who, in the hall of the Philalethian Literary Society, in the afternoon, initiated Frank Charles King, '70, Archibald Gamble, '71, Charles McClurg Napton, '70, Thomas Nesbit McClelland, '70, George Clifton Heard, '70, and James Bona Snell, '71, as charter members. Frank King was the moving spirit.
36. IOWA WESLEYAN Spring of 1868
By Horace Agard Kelley, '70, from the Knox chapter, who transferred to Iowa Wesleyan and formed a group containing John A. Schreiner, '68, William R. Pearson, '68, Robert Alson Burton, '69, Dillon Hollingsworth Payne, '69, Chester Llewellyn Collins, '68, and Joseph Crockett Mitchell, '71. They were initiated and installed as a chapter by James Seymour Castle. Knox, '70. Chapter died 1915. Total membership, 275.
37. CHICAGO Fall of 1868
By Marshall Paxton Drury, from the Knox chapter, who pledged John Davis Seaton Riggs and Albert McCalla from the Monmouth chapter who initiated Charles Richmond Henderson, '70, and Charles Rollin Calkins, '71, as a nucleus for a chapter which failed to get a foothold with eight members. Chapter revived in the new University of Chicago January 26, 1894.
38. DENISON December 23, 1868
By Thomas Jefferson Duncan from the Ohio Wesleyan chapter who initiated Frederick Clatworthy, '69, Henry A. Delano, '69, Henry Adam Wise, '70, John Jones Powell, '70, Clarence Mulford Rupe, '70, Orlando Butler Scobey, '70, Charles John Seaman, '71, and William Treat Burns, '71. The ceremony was in the second story west front room of a boarding house kept by Mrs. Lucinda Wartenbe and was followed by a fine dinner prepared by her.
39. VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE Spring of 1869
By the Washington and Lee chapter half a mile away in the same town which initiated students in the Military Institute, ten members being reported to the convention of July, 1869. Chapter died 1880. Total membership, 67.
40. WASHINGTON (Mo.) April 1, 1869
By Shepard Barclay in co-operation with Thomas James Scott and James Britton Gantt, all from the Virginia chapter, who initiated Vernon W. Knapp, '69, David Rowland Francis, '70, Eugene Berry Jones, '70, and Edward James Gay, Jr., '71. Chapter died but was revived in 1900.
41. RICHMOND December, 1871
By William Alexander Thom, Jr., and William Cuthbert Powell from Virginia Military chapter and William Taylor Thom from Washington and Lee chapter. Chapter died 1896. Total membership, 118.
42. WOOSTER May 18, 1872
By John Wallace Cummings, '73, who went to Delaware and was initiated by Theta chapter on the order of the Virginia chapter, then the presiding chapter. Returning to Wooster with the necessary papers he initiated William Rush Taggart, '71, the next night in the Taggart home. Then these two initiated the remaining charter members in Cummings' room on Bealle Avenue, these being Robert Reid Carpenter, '75, Daniel Butterfield, '73, Charles Hiram Purmort, '75, Alexander Thomas Robertson, '77, and Frank Taggart, '74. Chapter died 1913. Total membership, 241.
43. HOWARD June, 1872
By Washington and Lee chapter through Samuel Robert Booker, Hampden-Sydney, '70, a teacher in the institution. Chapter died 1879. Total membership, 43.
44. KANSAS January 8, 1873
By Major Wyllys Cadwell Ransom, Michigan, '48. Rev. Theodore Yale Gardner, Western Reserve, '58, and Lindorf Deloss Lockhart Tosh, Miami, '73, last initiate of the Miami chapter before the college closed its doors in

1870, who transferred to the new University of Kansas. This then had fewer than fifty students in the regular college classes. The charter members, who were initiated in Major Ransom's home in Lawrence were Ralph Collins, '73, Ellis Bradford Noyes, '74, Edward Harvey Bancroft, '76, John Dale Lambert, '76, Charles Francis Bassett, '76, and Frank Pitts MacLennan. Several, if not all of them, belonged to the "Degree of Oread Society," a sort of secret society containing men and women existing within the Oread Literary Society. The young women organized a Pi Beta Phi chapter.

45. RANDOLPH-MACON April 24, 1873
By Thomas Randolph Price from the Virginia chapter, professor of Latin and Greek in the college, initiating the members of a local society, Phi Iota Chi. Chapter died 1893. Total membership, 75.
46. TRINITY (Texas) June, 1873
By Richard Morgan, '71, and George Edward Seay, '60, from the Cumberland chapter. Chapter died 1881. Total membership, 50.
47. WISCONSIN June 6, 1873
By William S. Forest, Charles Augustus Works and Ansley Gray from Beloit chapter who initiated the charter members, led by Joseph Watson Hiner, '76, in a room in the Park Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin.
48. NORTHWESTERN July 3, 1873
By Olin Robert Brouse from Indiana Asbury chapter, who initiated Darwin Hall Cheney, '76, Henry Sherman Boutell, '74, and Irving Queal, '76, as charter members.
49. DICKINSON May 15, 1874
By Henry Sherman Boutell from Northwestern chapter and Jacob Thomas Ziegler, member of a local at Dickinson, the "Independents," who transferred to Northwestern, joined Beta Theta Pi there, and then promoted the Dickinson petition.
50. WILLIAM AND MARY March 11, 1876
By John Cannon Hobson from the Richmond chapter and Carter Henry Harrison from Virginia Military Institute chapter. Chapter died 1877. Total membership, 12.
51. BOSTON November 6, 1876
By Henry Sherman Boutell from Northwestern chapter. Chapter died 1915. Total membership, 312.
52. VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE March 10, 1877
Chapter died 1880. Total membership, 26.
53. JOHNS-HOPKINS January 1, 1878
Through the efforts of Robert C. Cole, Dickinson, '79, when the university was about two years old, Edward A. Jarvis, '80, Wiltz R. Strickler, '80, and Thomas M. Beadenkopf, '80, who were initiated in Guy's Hotel in Baltimore in November, 1877, and Carl E. Grammer, '80, and Lewis W. Wilhelm, '81, being the charter members.
54. BUTLER March 28, 1878
Chapter died February 13, 1881. Total membership, 19.
55. CALIFORNIA March 18, 1879
By Robert W. Poindexter, Knox '71, acting for Wilson T. Hume, Wabash '80, who conducted the preliminary negotiations, Albert D. Bird '80, Lewis G. Harrier '80, William D. Armes '82 and Reinhardt T. Harding '82 being the charter members.
56. KENYON April 8, 1879
By James Poyntz Nelson from the Washington and Lee chapter who organized a local group, initiating them in Milnor Hall with the aid of John L. Carpenter, Wooster '79, and G. L. Marble, Ohio Wesleyan '80, the charter members being Grove D. Curtis '80, Charles D. Williams '80, Alfred C. Dyer '79, W. M. Cowgill '81, Alfred C. Downs '81, Matthew Edmiston '82 and John B. Brannon '82. Chapter inactive from June, 1891, to September, 1893, when

it was revived by J. Edward Good '84, and William B. Doyle, Amherst '91, who cooperated with Arthur A. Billman '96, who transferred from Wooster to effect this revival, eleven new members being initiated in the Western Reserve chapter hall in Cleveland on October 25, 1893. Total membership, 314.

57. MISSISSIPPI June 5, 1879
By John Watson Yerkes from the Centre chapter through the absorption of the last remaining chapter of Alpha Kappa Phi. Chapter died 1901, but was revived December 6, 1928, by the admission of the Theta Beta local fraternity formed for the purpose by Homer H. Hazel, Rutgers '25.
58. RUTGERS October 9, 1879
By the Alpha Sigma Chi alliance.
59. CORNELL October 9, 1879
By the Alpha Sigma Chi alliance.
60. STEVENS October 9, 1879
By the Alpha Sigma Chi alliance.
61. ST. LAWRENCE October 9, 1879
By the Alpha Sigma Chi alliance.
62. MAINE October 9, 1879
By the Alpha Sigma Chi alliance.
63. PENNSYLVANIA May 17, 1880
64. COLGATE December 10, 1880
By absorption of the Adelpia Society.
65. UNION May 13, 1881
66. COLUMBIA October 14, 1881
67. AMHERST October 12, 1883
By absorption of "Torch and Crown."
68. VANDERBILT January 19, 1832
Chapter formally established on February 22, 1884, but given date January 19, 1882, when dispensation in its favor was issued to the Cumberland chapter.
69. OHIO STATE December 11, 1885
70. TEXAS May 18, 1886
71. NEBRASKA September 13, 1888
Under the direction of William B. McArthur, Ohio Wesleyan, '86, "to whose efforts the establishment of this chapter is entirely to be credited."
72. PENNSYLVANIA STATE October 4, 1888
73. SYRACUSE January 10, 1889
74. DENVER February 28, 1889
Under the direction of District Chief George C. Manly, one of its members, after a long period of existence "under dispensation," students being initiated by Northwestern University chapter.
75. MINNESOTA November 29, 1889
By Charles Austin Dickson, Warren Arthur Dennis and Frederick William Stearns from the Wisconsin chapter, in the Aberdeen, St. Paul, who initiated Victor Selden Clark, '90, Milton Rex, '90, Siver Serumgard, '90, William Carpenter Smith, '90, Charles Leissing Sommers, '90, Birney Elias Trask, '90, George Philip Huhn, '91, Horace Randall Robinson, '91, and Thompson Welliver Stout, '91, who had been formally pledged on November 20, 1889 as members of a chapter of Beta Theta Pi by Walter Teis Smith, Michigan, '87, then District Chief, Leedom Sharp, Pennsylvania, '80, and Edwin Ames Jaggard, Dickinson, '79, this ceremonial taking place in the office in the law building of Lt. Edw. F. Glenn, military instructor at the University, who was not a Beta.
76. DARTMOUTH 1889
By alliance with Sigma Delta Pi.

77. WESLEYAN	May 17, 1890
78. CINCINNATI	May 30, 1890
79. MISSOURI	October 6, 1890
By absorption of remaining chapter of Zeta Phi.	
80. LEHIGH	October 1, 1891
81. YALE	February 19, 1892
82. STANFORD	July 26, 1894
83. WEST VIRGINIA	September 15, 1900
84. BOWDOIN	October 12, 1900
85. COLORADO	October 14, 1900
By A. C. Patton, Indiana '84, Horace W. Avery, Denver '96 and George C. Manly, Denver '85, who conducted the installation.	
86. WASHINGTON (Seattle)	December 20, 1901
87. ILLINOIS (University of)	February 28, 1902
88. PURDUE	September 26, 1903
A charter was granted by the Put-in-bay convention on July 18, 1903 to twelve petitioners. On September 26, 1903, nine students signed an agreement with the Purdue faculty under which a chapter was to be permitted. On October 27, 1903, the chapter was installed by Betas from DePauw and Indiana.	
89. CASE	February 22, 1905
90. IOWA STATE	November 25, 1905
91. TORONTO	November 9, 1906
92. OKLAHOMA	October 18, 1907
93. COLORADO MINES	September 17, 1908
94. TULANE	November 27, 1908
95. OREGON	December 4, 1909
96. SOUTH DAKOTA	October 5, 1912
97. UTAH	October 25, 1913
98. MASSACHUSETTS TECH	December 6, 1913
99. IDAHO	September 19, 1914
100. COLORADO COLLEGE	September 26, 1914
101. KANSAS STATE	October 17, 1914
102. WHITMAN	March 29, 1916
103. GEORGIA TECH	January 6, 1917
104. WASHINGTON STATE	January 17, 1920
105. CARNEGIE TECH	May 15, 1920
106. NORTH DAKOTA	November 17, 1922
107. OKLAHOMA STATE	January 6, 1923
108. OREGON STATE	December 8, 1923
109. CALIFORNIA (at Los Angeles)	December 30, 1926

CHAPTER XXV

THE CONVENTION ROLL

1842. *Cincinnati, Ohio, August 15, 16*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Thomas G. Mitchell; *Secretaries*, W. E. Blackburn, Alexander Paddock; *Orator*, A. W. Hamilton.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, A. W. Hamilton, William E. Blackburn, John A. Collins, James J. Berry; *Cincinnati*, Thomas G. Mitchell, Henry Snow, John H. Jones, Alexander Paddock, Jacob Burnett, John C. Zachos, Thompson L. Brown, John L. Scott; *Western Reserve*, B. F. Millard, Thomas M. Oviatt; *Ohio*, John M. Bush.

1847. *Cincinnati, Ohio, May 14, 15*

OFFICERS.—*President*, George Hoadly; *Vice-President*, Isaiah Little; *Secretary*, Varnum D. Collins.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, Isaiah Little, L. G. Hay, S. S. Laws; *Cincinnati*, Stanley Matthews, John A. Collins, Alexander Paddock, Thomas G. Mitchell, Henry Snow; *Wabash*, Varnum D. Collins; *Western Reserve*, George Hoadly, Ebenezer Bushnell, Charles W. Palmer, T. S. Paine; *Jefferson*, J. Todd Edgar; *Michigan*, George L. Becker; *De Pauw*, Thomas Reagan, A. W. Reagan.

1848. *Hudson, Ohio, August 8, 9*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Charles R. Pierce; *Vice-President*, Robert W. Smith; *Secretary*, Wyllis C. Ransom; *Assistant*, T. S. Paine; *Orator*, Halbert E. Paine.

DELEGATES.—*Western Reserve*, Ebenezer Bushnell, Thomas Dogget, Charles A. Norton, Charles W. Palmer, Charles R. Pierce, R. A. Sawyer, H. C. Gaylord, William H. Upson, Karl Ruger, T. D. Nutting, Lemuel Bissell, J. G. Graham, G. E. Paine, H. E. Paine, Theo. S. Paine, Henry P. Sandford, William S. Aumock, J. S. Newberry, William C. Turner; *Michigan*, S. D. Miller, George L. Becker, W. C. Ransom, J. W. Walker; *Williams*, A. P. Carpenter, R. W. Smith; *Centre*, R. Vance Moore.

1851. *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 7-9*

OFFICERS.—*President*, H. S. Martin; *Vice-President*, Rollin A. Sawyer; *Secretaries*, A. M. Fitch, D. R. Stevenson; *Orator*, Jacob Winters.

DELEGATES.—*Western Reserve*, R. A. Sawyer, D. Taylor, R. W. Smith, A. M. Fitch; *Jefferson*, Henry S. Martin, W. H. Pyle, Henry M. Smith, A. D. Hepburn, G. W. Clarke, F. L. Stewart, J. M. Clarke, Rush Clark, J. P. Sterrett, J. P. Penney, Levi Penney, D. R. Stevenson, H. Quail, M. S. Quay, John Weaver, Jacob Winters, C. R. Letherman, A. M. Reid, T. J. Griffin.

1854. *Cincinnati, Ohio, August 16, 17*

OFFICERS.—*President*, George K. Clarke; *Vice-Presidents*, George Hoadly, F. R. Dorman, E. W. Mulliken, Samuel McKee, Mark L. DeMotte, D. W. McClung; *Secretaries*, T. H. Urmston, William E. Hunt.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, William J. Beatty, D. W. McClung, George K. Clarke, Albert S. Berry, John J. Glenn; *Western Reserve*, George Hoadly; *Jefferson*, William E. Hunt; *De Pauw*, William M. Daily, F. R. Dorman, Mark L. DeMotte, Ira G. Grover, John S. Tarkington; *Centre*, James F. McKee, Samuel McKee, Alexander Buckner, Thomas H. Urmston, B. F. Blackburn; *Hanover*, Harry Keigwin; *Ohio*, E. W. Mulliken.

1856. *Louisville, Kentucky, August 13-15*

OFFICERS.—*President*, D. W. McClung; *Secretary*, Harry Keigwin; *Orator*, J. L. McKee.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, I. M. Hughes, D. W. McClung, J. A. Battle, T. H. Rogers, John Woods; *Jefferson*, I. P. Houston, William McGregor; *De Pauw*, A. D. Lynch, J. Howard, B. F. Crary; *Centre*, J. F. McKee, Sam McKee, A. W. Irvine, H. B. Boude; *North Carolina*, J. E. Lindsay; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Charles Parrot, J. A. Hamilton; *Hanover*, William I. Craddock, J. A. Cooper, C. A. Johnson, Harry Keigwin, Alex. Hunter,

J. K. Patterson, W. K. Patterson, G. W. McCauley, B. K. Smoot, J. E. Rankin, H. C. Warren; *Ohio*, J. P. Safford; *Cumberland*, S. C. Love; *Washington* (Pa.), J. W. Hughes; *Indiana*, W. Evans.

1858. *Berkeley Springs, Va., August 13-16.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. A. Hanway; *Vice-Presidents*, Miles Saunders, R. L. Caruthers; *Secretary*, D. H. Moore.

DELEGATES.—*De Pauw*, John C. Hester; *Centre*, Miles Saunders; *Ohio*, D. H. Moore; *Michigan*, D. M. Johnson; *Jefferson*, W. A. Hanway; *Indiana*, Henry W. Ballentine; *Cumberland*, R. L. Caruthers.

1860. *Columbus, Ohio, August 13.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, F. C. Wilson; *Secretary*, John Woods.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, John Woods, M. C. Williams, Ozro J. Dodds; *Jefferson*, W. B. Cook, J. L. Sample, J. M. Maxwell, W. A. Hanway; *Ohio Wesleyan*, J. F. Earle, W. W. Fountain, A. N. Mead, M. B. Gilbert, I. R. Dickinson, C. H. Rippey; *Hanover*, James Wilson; *De Pauw*, J. G. Dunbar; *Davidson*, J. P. Graham; *Ohio*, J. W. Short; *Michigan*, I. H. Elliott; *Washington* (Va.), F. C. Wilson.

1864. *Indianapolis, August 19-21.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, John Roberts; *Secretary*, J. A. Keller.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, John Morton; *Western Reserve*, S. E. Williamson; *De Pauw*, H. J. Dunbar; *Indiana*, John Roberts; *Ohio*, W. O. Young; *Michigan*, J. B. Root; *Hanover*, J. A. Dean, J. A. Keller.

1865. *Detroit, Mich., February 1-2.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, J. A. Kellar; *Secretary*, Oliver A. Brown.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, John H. Patterson; *Western Reserve*, H. C. Clark, Henry M. Wright; *Centre*, Alfred Ryors; *Ohio Wesleyan*, C. R. Bagg, O. A. Brown; *Hanover*, J. A. Kellar; *Michigan*, Ira Olds, Sidney D. Miller, T. M. Baxter, E. C. Boudinot, W. W. Dedricks; *Indiana*, H. S. McRae, E. M. McDonald; *Wabash*, R. B. F. Pierce; *De Pauw*, D. G. Hamilton.

1866. *Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1-3.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, J. T. Rusk; *Secretary*, F. S. Hanford; *Assistant*, F. C. Iglehart; *Poet*, J. B. Black.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, J. H. Patterson, R. T. Durrell, Myron Banning, J. T. Whitaker; *Western Reserve*, F. S. Handford, W. L. Campbell; *De Pauw*, O. R. Brouse, J. H. Lozier, F. C. Iglehart; *Ohio Wesleyan*, J. T. Rusk, C. A. Turner; *Hanover*, G. G. Dunn, E. C. Monfort, Thomas V. Thornton; *Cumberland*, C. M. Ewing; *Washington* (Pa.), J. E. Moffat; *Knox*, F. M. Hayner; *Indianapolis*, O. T. Gillett; *Wabash*, James R. Carnahan.

1867. *Indianapolis, April 10-12.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, John Coburn; *Vice-President*, John Overmeyer; *Secretary*, L. B. Wilson; *Assistant*, James R. Carnahan.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, E. S. Scott; *Western Reserve*, H. H. Rice; *De Pauw*, John Overmeyer, C. F. Goodwin; *Wabash*, John Coburn, J. R. Carnahan; *Indiana*, L. B. Wilson; *Ohio*, D. H. Moore; *Cumberland*, H. H. Lurton.

¹List incomplete.

1868. *Nashville, Tenn., July 14-17.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, R. L. Caruthers; *Secretaries*, H. L. Bently, H. C. Warren, S. R. Cockrill, W. S. Davis; *Orator*, James W. Blackmore.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Miami*, P. N. Moore; *Western Reserve*, P. A. Otis; *De Pauw*, W. L. Johnston, J. W. Lovett; *Hampton-Sydney*, A. L. Robertson; *Ohio Wesleyan*, C. E. Stanley; *Cumberland*, Hamilton Parks; *Washington* (Va.), J. W. Allison; *Wabash*, C. H. Little; *Hanover*, Harry C. Warren, O. W. Shryer; *Virginia*, Z. W. Ewing; *Centre*, H. B. Boude; *Iowa University*, J. D. Glass; *Monmouth*, Eli Caruthers.

Alumni Chapter.—*Nashville*, T. H. Cahal.

1869. Columbus, Ohio, July 7-9.

OFFICERS.—*President*, R. W. Smith; *Vice-President*, Allison Maxwell; *Secretary*, Henry B. Young; *Assistant*, J. M. Thompson; *Chaplain*, Hugh Boyd; *Orator*, E. B. Stevens; *Poet*, J. H. Lozier.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Miami*, J. W. Short; *De Pauw*, E. H. Terrell and J. W. Lovett; *Hanover*, J. M. Thompson; *Ohio*, Henry C. Will; *Cumberland*, R. V. Foster; *Indiana*, Allison Maxwell; *Monmouth*, Henry B. Young; *Westminster*, T. W. Shaw; *Iowa Wesleyan*, W. G. Wilson; *Denison*, Henry A. Delano, C. J. Seaman; *Chicago*, R. W. Smith; *Virginia*, Shepard Barclay; *Wittenberg*, C. F. Hormel; *Wabash*, W. T. Haines; *Washington* (Mo.), Shepard Barclay; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Hermus Cronkleton.

Alumni Chapter.—*Chicago*, O. R. Brouse.

1870. Chicago, Ill., August 31 to September 2.

OFFICERS.—*President*, James B. Black, *Vice-President*, James W. Blackmore; *Secretary*, W. M. Salter; *Assistant*, E. H. Terrell.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Miami*, Roger Williams; *De Pauw*, Frost Craft; *Hampden-Sydney*, J. W. Rosebro; *Ohio Wesleyan*, J. N. Irvin; *Hanover*, J. O. Stilson; *Ohio*, D. H. Moore; *Cumberland*, J. A. Trousdale, James W. Blackmore; *Knox*, J. S. Castle; *Indiana*, R. W. Miers; *Wabash*, L. S. Smith; *Monmouth*, George J. Gordon; *Iowa University*, W. B. Craig; *Wittenberg*, F. C. Hormel; *Westminster*, H. S. Priest; *Iowa Wesleyan*, J. E. Corley; *Chicago*, O. C. Weller; *Denison*, Charles J. Seaman; *Washington* (Mo.), George R. Lockwood.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, E. B. Chandler, D. G. Hamilton; *Louisville*, Harry C. Warren.

1871. Indianapolis, August 30, 31, to September 1.

OFFICERS.—*President*, Oliver P. Morton; *Vice-President*, Thomas S. McClelland; *Secretary*, Henry A. Buchtel; *Assistant*, J. W. Shackelford; *Chaplain*, Oliver A. Brown; *Orator*, H. R. Naylor; *Poet*, E. E. Edwards.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Miami*, Roger Williams; *De Pauw*, H. A. Buchtel; *Ohio Wesleyan*, O. A. Brown; *Hanover*, M. S. Coulter; *Ohio*, A. J. Michael; *Knox*, J. J. Parks; *Virginia*, Harry C. Warren; *Indiana*, J. A. New; *Washington and Lee*, W. O. Roberts; *Wabash*, L. M. Vance; *Monmouth*, J. R. Berry; *Wittenberg*, J. C. Kauffman; *Iowa Wesleyan*, J. E. Corley; *Denison*, C. J. Seaman; *Washington* (Mo.), J. W. Shackford.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, T. S. McClelland; *Indianapolis*, J. B. Black; *Louisville*, H. S. Wilson.

1872. Richmond, Va., August 21-24.

OFFICERS.—*President*, William Allan; *Vice-President*, Charles J. Seaman; *Secretary*, Charles D. Walker; *Assistant*, William H. Kent; *Chaplain*, Rev. Thomas L. Preston.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*De Pauw*, A. N. Grant; *Hampden-Sydney*, J. A. Sanderson; *Hanover*, E. J. Brown; *Ohio*, W. H. G. Adney; *Washington* (Pa.), Eugene W. Hoge; *Virginia*, John S. Wise; *Indiana*, G. S. Mitchell; *Washington and Lee*, W. N. Johnston; *Wabash*, William H. Kent; *Bethany*, J. H. Anderson; *Monmouth*, George C. Rankin; *Iowa Wesleyan*, Frank Mahan; *Denison*, Charles J. Seaman; *V. M. I.*, Charles D. Walker; *Richmond*, J. Ad. French.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, O. R. Brouse; *Cincinnati*, John I. Covington; *Richmond*, W. A. Thom.

1873. Cincinnati, December 29 to January 1, 1874.

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. C. Ransom; *Vice-President*, Thad. A. Reamy; *Chaplain*, O. A. Hills; *Secretary*, Al. Baker; *Assistant*, D. H. Cheney; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, H. R. Smith; *Orator*, Stanley Matthews; *Poet*, Earl Cranston.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*De Pauw*, A. N. Grant; *Centre*, William Ayres; *Ohio Wesleyan*, W. S. Cowen; *Hanover*, W. S. Acomb; *Ohio*, C. H. Dixon; *Washington and Jefferson*, D. S. Cooper; *Knox*, M. P. Drury; *Indiana*, T. T. Rose; *Washington and Lee*, W. O. Roberts; *Wabash*, Al. Baker; *Bethany*, J. H. Nesslage, J. S. Lowe; *Monmouth*, W. T. Rankin; *Wittenberg*, J. W. McKinnon; *Westminster*, W. A. Barr; *Denison*, B. S. Keys; *V. M. I.*, C. D. Walker; *Wooster*, F. Taggart, J. W. Thompson; *Kansas*, W. C. Ransom; *Wisconsin*, W. F. Boyd; *Northwestern*, D. H. Cheney.

Alumni Chapters.—*Louisville*, F. C. Wilson; *Cincinnati*, Arthur Stern; *Evansville*, T. R. McPherson.

1874. *No Convention was held.*1875. *Evansville, Ind., August 25-27.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. C. Ransom; *Vice-President*, Thad. A. Reamy; *Chaplain*, George C. Rankin; *Assistant*, Fred Terrell; *Chaplain*, Earl Cranston; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, F. R. Eversall.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Washington and Jefferson*, R. H. Young; *De Pauw*, C. R. Hammond; *Centre*, J. H. Skinner; *Ohio Wesleyan*, G. M. Halm; *Hanover*, S. W. Black; *Ohio*, A. B. Richardson; *Michigan*, J. J. Shields, A. N. Grant; *Virginia*, H. C. Warren; *Indiana*, J. B. Morrison; *Wabash*, C. H. McCarter; *Monmouth*, George C. Rankin; *Wittenberg*, B. O. Cowan; *Westminster*, J. R. Dobyns; *Kansas*, L. D. L. Tosh, W. C. Ransom; *Northwestern*, C. J. Goodenow.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, D. H. Cheney; *Indianapolis*, E. H. Terrell; *Louisville*, Eugene Warren; *Cincinnati*, R. Harvey Young; *Evansville*, Luke Wood.

1876. *Philadelphia, July 5-7.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Charles D. Walker; *Vice-President*, J. M. Goodspeed; *Secretary*, F. C. McMillin; *Assistant*, H. R. Cook; *Chaplain*, E. Devine; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, H. Y. Black.

DELEGATES.—*Washington and Jefferson*, T. S. Brown; *De Pauw*, C. R. Hammond; *Ohio Wesleyan*, W. E. Dennison; *Hanover*, J. C. Thompson; *Ohio*, J. M. Goodspeed; *Michigan*, D. A. Garwood; *Knox*, H. S. Hitchcock; *Bethany*, J. A. Oram; *Monmouth*, J. A. Robison; *Westminster*, J. E. Powell; *Denison*, W. H. Pritchard; *Trinity*, R. J. Haynes; *V. M. I.*, Charles D. Walker; *Wooster*, E. P. Dean; *Kansas*, William Osborn; *Wisconsin*, H. R. Cook; *Northwestern*, E. M. Kinman; *Dickinson*, Henry Shirk; *William and Mary*, E. H. Harrison; *Wabash*, D. R. Bishop.

1877. *Detroit, August 15-17.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. A. Moore; *Vice-President*, C. J. Seaman; *Secretary*, Fred Terrell; *Chaplain*, B. L. Smith; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, John S. Goodwin; *Poet*, J. H. Lozier.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*De Pauw*, C. R. Hammond; *Ohio Wesleyan*, W. O. Robb; *Michigan*, J. H. Grant; *Indiana*, O. Z. Hubbell; *Monmouth*, J. W. McCoy; *Wittenberg*, J. M. Lawrence; *Wooster*, R. C. Rankin; *Kansas*, J. A. Wickersham; *Northwestern*, G. E. Ackerman; *Boston*, C. C. Williams.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, J. A. Burhans; *Indianapolis*, John S. Goodwin; *Cincinnati*, Geo. B. Fox; *Evansville*, Walter Thayer.

1878. *Indianapolis, September 4-6.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, R. W. Smith; *Vice-President*, Dump Carpenter; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, Robert E. Smith; *Secretary*, John S. Goodwin; *Assistant*, W. O. Robb; *Orator*, A. J. Poppleton; *Poet*, J. W. Black.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*De Pauw*, Paul Wilcox; *Centre*, S. G. Boyle; *Hanover*, W. A. Foster; *Ohio Wesleyan*, W. O. Robb; *Ohio*, A. J. Hawk; *Michigan*, J. H. Grant; *Indiana*, J. A. Arnold; *Wabash*, W. S. Lewis; *Beloit*, R. F. Pettibone; *Bethany*, C. A. Kleeberger; *Wittenberg*, B. S. Grosscup; *Wooster*, Dump Carpenter; *Kansas*, C. S. Finch; *Butler*, Miles Clifford.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, O. R. Brouse; *Indianapolis*, John S. Goodwin; *Cincinnati*, Marshall P. Drury.

1879. *Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2-4.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, R. W. Smith; *Vice-President*, W. C. Ransom; *Chaplain*, E. J. Brown; *Secretary*, W. E. Dennison; *Assistant*, Paul Wilcox; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, H. E. Insley.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*De Pauw*, G. W. Switzer; *Centre*, M. M. Vaughn; *Ohio Wesleyan*, C. T. Brown; *Hanover*, S. F. Brengle; *Ohio*, C. W. Delamatre; *Michigan*, J. E. Beal; *Indiana*, F. C. Hood; *Wabash*, H. L. Anderson; *Bethany*, F. T. Smith; *Wittenberg*, J. H. Prugh; *Denison*, A. L. Hughes; *Wooster*, J. Cal. Hanna; *Northwestern*, J. E. Adams; *Boston*, W. B. Lindsay; *Butler*, Charles E. Needham; *Kenyon*, G. D. Curtis.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, R. W. Smith; *Indianapolis*, Lawrence G. Hay; *Cincinnati*, John W. Herron.

1880. Baltimore, August 24-26.

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. C. Ransom; *Vice-President*, J. E. Heath; *Chaplain*, C. R. McIlwaine; *Secretary*, A. H. Flack; *Assistant*, Howard Stetler; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, John N. Larus; *Orator*, D. O. Kellogg.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Washington and Jefferson*, R. R. Patterson, J. G. Streat; *Centre*, C. R. Barrett; *Hampden-Sidney*, W. C. White, John R. Larus, John Falconer; *Ohio Wesleyan*, R. R. McCabe; *Hanover*, J. J. Sturgis; *Michigan*, J. H. Grant, J. E. Beal, O. F. Hunt; *Virginia*, C. R. McIlwaine, M. B. Curry; *Indiana*, W. A. Pickins; *Washington and Lee*, R. C. Hallyday; *V. M. I.*, J. Loney, H. R. Fairfax; *Denison*, A. L. Hughes; *Richmond*, E. F. Settle, W. C. Bitting; *Wooster*, A. Hoover, J. J. Lentz, G. E. Herrick; *Kansas*, W. C. Ransom, D. O. Kellogg; *Northwestern*, A. G. Foster; *Dickinson*, L. T. Appold, James Reaney, W. R. Israel; *Boston*, M. A. Pingree, A. H. Flack, W. B. Lindsay; *Johns Hopkins*, E. Goodman, L. W. Wilhelm, T. M. Beadenkopf; *Virginia State*, W. H. Perkinson, Barton Pitts; *Butler*, W. H. Connor; *Kenyon*, G. D. Curtis; *Rutgers*, J. F. McWilliams, R. J. Wortendyke, R. C. Plume; *Cornell*, R. B. Alling; *Stevens*, W. R. Baird, James Beatty; *St. Lawrence*, H. F. Gunnison; *Maine*, W. T. Haines; *Brown*, O. B. Monroe; *Pennsylvania*, W. T. Hildrup, Jr., H. S. Stetler.

Alumni Chapters—*Cincinnati*, W. F. Boyd, M. P. Drury; *Indianapolis*, A. D. Lynch; *Richmond*, James E. Heath; *Louisville*, S. G. Boyle; *Chicago*, R. W. Smith; *Baltimore*, B. K. Kirkland, W. N. Smith, T. J. Elliott.

1881. Chicago, August 30, 31, September 1.

OFFICERS.—*President*, A. P. Carpenter; *Vice-Presidents*, E. H. Terrell, Guy C. Earl, W. N. Smith, D. E. Osborne, A. P. Hoyt, Harry Ehrman, C. D. Williams; *Secretary*, W. R. Baird; *Assistants*, W. B. Cary, J. Cal. Hanna, S. H. Ernst; *Chaplain*, J. B. Worrall; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, W. H. Tolman, W. K. L. Warwick; *Orator*, Rev. John Bascom; *Poet*, W. F. Stone.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Ohio*, W. F. Boyd; *Washington and Jefferson*, R. P. Patterson, R. Harvey Young; *De Pauw*, F. M. Joyce, C. S. Alcott, Will Iglehart; *Centre*, B. B. Veech, G. C. Cowles, W. H. January; *Hampden-Sydney*, G. J. Ramsay; *Harvard*, Eugene Wambaugh, Chambers Baird; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Jno. Alexander, Cassius Weedman, R. R. McCabe; *Hanover*, E. E. Silliman, L. J. Duncan, E. J. Brown; *Brown*, H. S. Babcock, W. H. Tolman, A. P. Hoyt; *Michigan*, D. E. Osborne, D. A. Garwood, W. B. Cady; *Virginia*, W. M. Atkinson; *Indiana*, F. C. Davis, O. P. Erskine, J. L. Mackey; *Northwestern*, F. H. Thatcher, J. T. Hatfield, W. A. Hamilton; *Stevens*, Pierce Butler; *Wabash*, W. H. Kent, J. E. Williamson; *Boston*, A. C. Poole, A. H. Flack; *Pennsylvania*, C. R. Claghorn; *Beloit*, C. B. McGinniss, C. J. Robertson; *Bethany*, H. G. Niles, M. C. Burt; *California*, Guy C. Earl; *Iowa*, T. G. Newman; *Wittenberg*, R. H. Grube; *Denison*, W. C. Sprague, J. J. Robinson; *Westminster*, J. G. Trimble, J. R. Moorehead, H. C. Evans; *Richmond*, M. B. Curry; *Wooster*, J. H. McDonald, F. B. Pearson, J. Cal. Hanna; *Kansas*, Scott Hopkins, Louis Duscher, C. G. Upton; *Wisconsin*, H. L. Smith, Stanley Proudfit, J. M. Dodson; *Johns Hopkins*, S. G. Boyle; *Kenyon*, C. D. Williams, W. K. L. Warwick; *Cornell*, Harry Ehrman; *St. Lawrence*, W. L. Fitzgibbons; *Colgate*, C. J. Pope; *Western Reserve*, N. C. Stevens.

Alumni Chapters—*Cincinnati*, John I. Covington, S. G. Williams, W. F. Boyd; *New York*, W. R. Baird; *Chicago*, E. Bruce Chandler, Thomas McClelland, L. P. Scoville; *Cleveland*, C. J. Seaman; *Baltimore*, W. N. Smith; *Indianapolis*, L. G. Hay, J. I. Hazzard; *Richmond*, J. E. Heath.

1882. Cincinnati, August 29-31.

OFFICERS.—*President*, Will Cumback; *Vice-Presidents*, H. S. Babcock, W. E. Jobbins, H. S. Stetler, F. B. Clark, A. C. Downs, J. C. Hanna, J. E. Beal, W. A. Hamilton, J. W. Childs; *Secretary*, F. W. Shepardson; *Assistants*, J. A. Case, William Iglehart; *Chaplain*, L. G. Hay; *Marshal*, J. C. Harris; *Assistant*, G. S. Conkey.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Ohio*, R. U. Wilson; *De Pauw*, C. L. Urnston, G. B. Moore, E. L. Martin; *Centre*, H. C. Read, W. B. Matthews, J. C. Cowles; *Hampden-Sydney*, W. C. White; *Harvard*, Eugene Wambaugh, Chambers Baird; *Ohio Wesleyan*, J. R. Hughes, N. H. Fairbanks, M. S. Milligan; *Hanover*, E. J. Brown, J. B. Tucker, R. E. Schuh; *Brown*, H. S. Babcock, C. H. Douglass; *Michigan*, J. A. Case, J. E. Beal, J. H. Grant; *Union*, J. W. Adams; *Randolph-Macon*, M. H. Albin; *Virginia*, Cornelius Skinner; *Indiana*, A. D. Moffett; *Northwestern*, J. C. Bannister; *Stevens*, Pierce Butler, Thomas G. Smith; *Boston*, C. F. Waterhouse, A. C. Poole;

Wabash, J. F. Stutesman; *Iowa*, J. I. Gilbert; *Wittenberg*, S. S. Kauffman, E. P. Otis, W. A. Pugh; *Westminster*, J. R. Morehead, E. B. McClure; *Denison*, F. W. Shepardson, F. M. Stalker, W. C. Sheppard; *Richmond*, W. R. Thomas; *Wooster*, J. C. Hanna, D. S. Moore, T. G. McConkey; *Wisconsin*, E. C. Stevens, B. G. Treat, L. P. Conover; *Kenyon*, J. Ed. Good, W. S. Taylor, Alonzo M. Snyder; *Mississippi*, J. C. Harris, T. D. Marshall, W. L. Birdsong; *Cornell*, H. C. Elmer, H. Ehrman; *St. Lawrence*, G. S. Conkey, F. T. Post; *Maine State*, E. S. Abbott; *Colgate*, A. M. Dyer, C. E. Haworth; *Western Reserve*, W. B. Parmelee, J. W. Andrews.

Alumni Chapters.—*Cincinnati*, J. J. Hight, W. O. Robb, C. H. Carey; *Cleveland*, C. J. Seaman; *Indianapolis*, Allison Maxwell; *Chicago*, D. G. Hamilton.

1883. *Saratoga Springs, August 28-30.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. C. Ransom; *Vice-Presidents*, C. J. Seaman, G. S. Williams, A. H. Flack; *Secretary*, F. C. McMillin; *Assistants*, A. M. Dyer, R. L. Fearn; *Marshall*, H. W. Winkley; *Assistants*, R. E. Sykes; *Orator*, C. N. Sims.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*.—*Maine*, C. S. Beckford; *Boston*, A. H. Flack, L. C. Hascall; *Harvard*, Eugene Wambaugh, Howard Lilienthal, A. deR. McNair; *Brown*, E. P. Allen, E. B. Harvey, A. P. Sumner; *St. Lawrence*, C. M. Baker, R. E. Sykes, Geo. Helmle; *Union*, J. R. VanNess, F. D. Hall, A. B. Bishop; *Colgate*, A. M. Dyer, A. H. Cole, C. C. Van Kirk; *Cornell*, F. R. Percival, F. E. Wilcox, A. A. Alling; *Columbia*, W. R. Baird, C. H. Doolittle; *Stevens*, R. L. Fearn, W. S. Dilworth, E. F. Lewis; *Pennsylvania*, Howard Stetler, W. E. Maison, R. S. Maison; *Virginia*, J. E. Heath; *Centre*, B. G. Boyle; *Denison*, C. J. Seaman; *Kenyon*, J. Ed. Good, W. K. L. Warwick; *Wooster*, Jacob Brilles; *Western Reserve*, J. W. Andrews; *Ohio Wesleyan*, W. O. Robb, N. H. Fairbanks; *Indiana*, A. C. Patton; *De Pauw*, Worth Merritt; *Michigan*, J. E. Beal, D. K. Cochrane; *Northwestern*, J. C. Bannister, E. M. Stevens, E. R. Tillinghast; *Kansas*, W. C. Ransom.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, D. G. Hamilton, C. A. Foster; *Cincinnati*, A. S. Berry, S. G. Williams, W. O. Robb; *Cleveland*, C. J. Seaman, F. C. McMillin; *Providence*, C. R. Thurston, A. P. Hoyt; *New York*, W. R. Baird, J. T. Brown; *Richmond*, J. E. Heath.

1884. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, August 19-22.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Ed. H. Terrell; *Vice-Presidents*, Charles S. Wheeler, Thomas D. Wood, Chambers Baird; *Secretary*, Jacob Brilles; *Assistants*, J. J. G. Ruhm, R. B. Bloodgood; *Marshal*, F. Dixon Hall; *Assistant*, L. P. Conover.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*.—*Harvard*, Eugene Wambaugh, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, A. P. Sumner; *Boston*, O. H. Powers, J. H. McKenzie; *Maine*, L. W. Taylor; *Amherst*, T. C. Elliott, Warren E. Russell; *Union*, F. Dixon Hall; *Stevens*, G. Ed. Cook, E. G. Coldewey; *Columbia*, O. E. Coles, E. W. Newton; *Cornell*, G. T. Saal, J. T. Sackett; *St. Lawrence*, George B. Helmle; *Colgate*, E. C. Harding, H. E. Slaughter, Charles H. Douglas; *Washington and Jefferson*, R. P. Patterson; *Johns Hopkins*, Sam G. Boyle; *Hampden-Sydney*, C. C. Lewis, H. C. V. Campbell, A. C. Finley; *Randolph-Macon*, H. L. Stewart; *Virginia*, W. C. White, Harry C. Warren; *Bethany*, A. J. Colborn, J. H. Mertz, J. A. Bell; *Centre*, Boyle G. Boyle, J. W. Kennedy, J. W. Guest; *Mississippi*, C. L. Jungerman; *Vanderbilt*, J. J. G. Ruhm, William T. Guild; *Western Reserve*, G. M. Fletcher; *Ohio Wesleyan*, M. G. Park, T. P. Terwilliger; *Wittenberg*, C. J. Pretzman, R. C. Bancroft; *Wooster*, E. E. Weaver, Jacob Brilles; *Kenyon*, R. B. Bloodgood, Lon M. Snyder, Harry C. Ferris; *Ohio*, C. W. Delamatre; *De Pauw*, J. C. Durham, E. H. Terrell; *Michigan*, J. E. Beal, E. L. Johnson; *Indiana*, A. C. Patton; *Wabash*, James Wilson; *Northwestern*, William D. Fullerton; *Iowa*, Rush C. Lake, Marvin H. Dey; *Wisconsin*, L. P. Conover; *California*, Chas. S. Wheeler, C. W. Forbes, Guy Wilkinson; *Westminster*, B. H. Charles, W. C. Dobyns, E. F. McCausland; *Kansas*, W. C. Ransom.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, R. W. Smith; *Cincinnati*, Eugene Wambaugh, Chambers Baird; *Cleveland*, C. J. Seaman; *Wheeling*, Jacob Brilles; *Providence*, E. P. Allen, William T. Magruder.

1885. *St. Louis, Mo., August 26-28.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, B. Gratz Brown; *Vice-Presidents*, W. C. Ransom, J. Cal. Hanna, T. D. Marshall; *Secretary*, W. T. Smith; *Assistants*, C. A. Hall, B. H. Charles; *Marshal*, W. G. Hyde; *Assistant*, M. G. Park.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*.—*Harvard*, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, W. F. Angell; *Stevens*, C. A. Hall, Thomas G. Smith; *Cornell*, George F. Saal; *St. Lawrence*, P. P.

Barnes; *Johns Hopkins*, Lee Sale; *Richmond*, C. D. Roy, Paul Y. Tupper; *Virginia*, George R. Lockwood; *Bethany*, J. F. Witmer; *Centre*, S. D. Roser, Lee Dunlap; *Mississippi*, T. D. Marshall; *Ohio Wesleyan*, M. G. Park; *Wooster*, J. Cal. Hanna; *Ohio*, W. G. Hyde; *De Pauw*, J. G. Campbell, Frank M. Joyce, William Iglehart; *Michigan*, Charles L. Andrews, F. S. Velde, W. Teis Smith; *Beloit*, John R. Montgomery; *Wisconsin*, Joshua N. Sanborn; *Iowa*, C. M. Porter; *Iowa Wesleyan*, Will B. Hanna; *Westminster*, W. R. Bobyns, B. H. Charles, F. W. Sneed; *Kansas*, Charles D. Dean, Pliny L. Soper, Charles E. Parker.

1886. *Cincinnati, August 25-27.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Frank M. Joyce; *Vice-Presidents*, J. B. Ellis, Charles M. Hepburn, R. S. Maison; *Secretary*, Eugene Wambaugh; *Assistants*, G. C. Cox, J. H. McKenzie; *Marshall*, W. H. Pfau; *Assistant*, J. R. Montgomery.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Harvard*, Clinton Collins, Eugene Wambaugh, Alfred Gaither; *Maine State*, R. K. Jones; *Boston*, J. H. McKenzie, A. C. Poole; *Amherst*, Homer Gard; *Stevens*, J. L. Coker, Jr., R. H. Smith, C. A. Hall; *Cornell*, G. F. Saal, W. H. Pfau; *St. Lawrence*, W. T. Cristler, W. L. Caten; *Union*, A. J. Dillingham, Kelton C. Radcliff; *Colgate*, W. H. Crawshaw; *Johns Hopkins*, H. H. Wiegand, Edgar Goodman; *Washington and Jefferson*, R. Harvey Young; *Pennsylvania*, R. S. Maison; *Dickinson*, F. M. Welsh; *Virginia*, J. F. McLeod, J. T. Edwards, C. M. Hepburn; *Richmond*, E. B. Pollard, C. D. Roy; *Centre*, W. E. Bryce, H. L. Briggs; *Vanderbilt*, J. B. Robertson, J. W. McClure, J. B. Ellis; *Miami*, Shaler Berry, J. N. Brown; *Western Reserve*, E. A. Clark; *Ohio Wesleyan*, E. L. Shannon, S. P. Withrow, Guy M. Clarke; *Wittenberg*, A. H. Smith, C. K. Mower, G. A. Billow; *Denison*, H. J. Kendig, C. S. Sprague, E. A. Williams; *Wooster*, D. F. Conrad, G. A. Shives, W. W. Barnett; *Kenyon*, H. C. Devin, A. C. Whitaker, G. C. Cox; *Ohio*, G. W. Reed, E. B. Skinner; *Ohio State*, W. G. Hyde, W. H. Siebert, Julius Floto; *De Pauw*, J. L. Benedict, Harry Bowser, J. J. Hammond; *Hanover*, J. E. Abrams, J. C. Clemmons, T. R. Bridges; *Michigan*, L. B. Lee; *Indiana*, J. S. Shannon; *Wabash*, R. S. Thompson, F. W. Boudinot, A. A. McCain; *Northwestern*, D. H. Bloom, C. N. Zueblin; *Beloit*, J. R. Montgomery; *Wisconsin*, S. S. Cook; *Iowa*, Marvin H. Dey; *Iowa Wesleyan*, W. B. Hanna, C. R. Wooden, E. F. Smith; *Westminster*, R. L. Simpson.

Alumni Chapters—*Cincinnati*, John I. Covington, W. F. Boyd, F. M. Joyce; *Cleveland*, Charles J. Seaman.

1887. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, July 20-23.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, James A. Beaver; *Vice-Presidents*, John I. Covington, A. P. Sumner, George C. Manly; *Secretary*, Wilbur H. Siebert; *Assistants*, F. C. Whitehead, R. S. Maison; *Marshall*, L. E. Judson; *Assistant*, L. Montgomery.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Harvard*, Chambers Baird, Jr.; *Brown*, E. P. Allen, A. P. Sumner, A. P. Hoyt; *Amherst*, L. E. Judson, C. B. Raymond, W. P. Smith; *Stevens*, H. R. Smith; *St. Lawrence*, F. Y. Adams, E. Caldwell, C. A. Rich; *Cornell*, C. S. Fowler, H. Mack, J. J. Aspinwall; *Colgate*, H. C. Lyman, W. H. Crawshaw, C. C. Pierce; *University of Pennsylvania*, R. S. Maison; *Dickinson*, A. D. Yocum; *Bethany*, H. H. Rumble, W. G. King; *Richmond*, L. R. Hamberlin; *Centre*, H. Matthews; *Vanderbilt*, S. C. Williams, C. L. Jungerman; *Western Reserve*, J. E. Street, E. P. Hall, H. B. Herrick; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Charles S. Manley, F. M. Starr, S. R. Greer; *Wittenberg*, R. H. Grube, S. E. Greenawalt; *Denison*, D. Shepardson, C. J. Seaman; *Wooster*, W. M. Chamberlain, G. A. Nesbitt; *Kenyon*, H. C. Devin; *Ohio State*, Wilbur H. Siebert, Howard Hagler; *Miami*, J. N. Brown, W. E. Morris; *De Pauw*, R. F. Kerr; *Michigan*, R. D. Lampson, J. D. Harman; *Indiana*, C. R. Madison; *Northwestern*, C. N. Zueblin, F. C. Whitehead, W. A. Hamilton; *Iowa*, D. Musser, P. Johnson; *Wisconsin*, G. S. Cook, W. R. Smith.

Alumni Chapters—*Washington*, J. C. Gordon; *New York*, John I. Covington; *Cleveland*, Charles J. Seaman.

1888. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, July 24-28.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Robert W. Smith; *Vice-Presidents*, Charles L. Thornburg, Frank H. Scott, H. T. Fernald; *Secretary*, Winfield R. Smith; *Assistants*, Williston Manley, J. E. Gilpin; *Marshal*, C. N. Zueblin; *Assistant*, H. G. McKean; *Chaplain*, A. D. Hepburn; *Orator*, C. D. Roys; *Poet*, George Clarke Cox.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Harvard*, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, Clarence E. Converse, H. L. Sanford; *Maine State*, C. G. Cushman, A. P. Webster; *Amherst*, W. B.

Doyle; *Stevens*, W. F. Phelps; *Cornell*, A. H. Grant, M. D. Makepeace, George Beebe, Jr.; *St. Lawrence*, J. M. Atwood, Mark Manley, George R. Hardie; *Colgate*, H. G. McKean, Frank A. Gallup, Charles A. Lemon; *Washington and Jefferson*, James S. Ramsay, G. W. F. Birch; *Pennsylvania*, E. H. Edsall; *Dickinson*, F. M. Welsh; *Johns Hopkins*, J. E. Gilpin, Charles E. Simon, H. T. Fernald; *Randolph-Macon*, Percy Rowe; *Virginia*, Harry C. Warren; *Bethany*, W. R. Warren; *Centre*, John B. Worrall; *Vanderbilt*, C. L. Thornburg; *Western Reserve*, Charles Hickok; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Francis M. Starr; *Wittenberg*, R. H. Grube; *Denison*, Will C. Sprague; *Wooster*, W. M. Chamberlain; *Kenyon*, Geo. C. Cox; *Ohio*, Cal. Humphrey; *Ohio State*, Frank S. Kershaw, W. H. Siebert; *Miami*, W. J. Greer; *De Pauw*, Wilmer D. Glenn; *Michigan*, L. R. Doud, A. D. Rich, R. D. Lampson; *Wabash*, S. A. Morrison; *Northwestern*, Charles N. Zueblin; *Wisconsin*, Winfield R. Smith; *Kansas*, Harry Buckingham, Charles E. Parker.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, T. M. Baxter, C. D. Roys, F. H. Scott; *Washington*, J. C. Gordon; *New York*, John I. Covington; *Cincinnati*, A. D. Hepburn; *Cleveland*, Charles J. Seaman.

1889. Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, July 23-27.

OFFICERS.—*President*, C. L. Thornburg; *Vice-Presidents*, E. B. Chandler, W. P. Smith, C. W. Barnes; *Secretary*, C. N. Zueblin; *Assistants*, A. B. Faust, J. W. Gebhardt; *Marshals*, F. M. Rooney, W. G. Newbrook

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*.—*Harvard*, W. H. Siebert, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, C. C. Converse; *Boston*, George R. Hoskins; *Maine State*, John Bird; *Amherst*, T. W. Jackson, D. J. Carlough; *Dartmouth*, Paul Carson; *Stevens*, W. F. Phelps, L. D. Wildman; *Cornell*, W. G. Newbrook, F. W. Ely, W. H. Austin; *St. Lawrence*, S. C. Hodge, Everett Caldwell; *Colgate*, B. Eldridge, E. W. Smith, C. A. Lemon; *Union*, W. J. Harder, Kelton C. Radcliffe; *Columbia*, W. P. Smith; *Syracuse*, F. M. Rooney; *Dickinson*, F. W. Crowder; *Johns Hopkins*, A. B. Faust; *Pennsylvania*, R. S. Maisson; *Pennsylvania State*, H. W. Mitchell, A. A. Patterson; *Vanderbilt*, W. C. Branham, C. L. Thornburg; *Miami*, J. L. Pythian, W. O. Mussey; *Ohio*, S. S. Humphrey; *Bethany*, E. O. Lovett, D. L. Pendleton; *Wittenberg*, J. W. Gebhart; *Denison*, Dan. Shepardson; *Wooster*, Robert M. Shannon; *Kenyon*, W. K. L. Warwick; *Ohio State*, F. E. Pomerine; *De Pauw*, E. I. Antrim; *Indiana*, F. C. Davis; *Michigan*, J. D. Harmon, R. D. Lampson, A. D. Rich; *Wabash*, F. H. Boudinot; *Hanover*, John A. Carnagey; *Wisconsin*, C. B. Bird; *Northwestern*, H. E. Briggs, C. N. Zueblin, F. C. Whitehead; *California*, C. W. Barnes.

Chicago Alumni.—T. M. Baxter, E. B. Chandler, W. A. Hamilton.

1890. Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, August 25-30.

OFFICERS.—*President*, John Reily Knox; *Vice-Presidents*, Charles L. Thornburg, Joseph C. Gordon, Minton W. Talbot; *Secretary*, H. G. Budd, Jr.; *Assistants*, Ward B. Sawyer, D. J. Carlough; *Marshal*, William A. Field; *Assistant*, Lee S. Durham; *Orator*, Willis O. Robb; *Poet*, Willis Boughton.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*.—*Harvard*, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, C. C. Converse; *Maine State*, Wallace R. Farrington; *Amherst*, W. B. Doyle, Thomas W. Jackson; *Wesleyan*, D. J. Carlough, F. A. Galloway; *Stevens*, William A. Field; *Cornell*, Fred J. Miller, Willard P. Cooke, William G. Newbrook; *St. Lawrence*, E. B. Lent, Edw. W. Sanford; *Colgate*, Emmott Howd, E. C. Harmon; *Union*, J. W. Ferguson, W. J. Harder; *Columbia*, William R. Baird; *Syracuse*, E. Leroy Dow, H. J. Hamlin; *Dickinson*, H. G. Budd, Jr.; *Johns Hopkins*, S. Guy Snowden, James C. Johnston, L. B. Dorr; *Pennsylvania State*, H. W. Mitchell; *Hampden-Sydney*, Robert M. Mann; *Virginia*, Minton W. Talbot, Thomas Talbot; *Vanderbilt*, Herman D. Ruhm, Alfred Hume, Charles L. Thornburg; *Miami*, Walter L. Tobey; *Western Reserve*, C. A. Chapman, S. W. Berry, Clarence W. Fitch; *Washington and Jefferson*, Owen C. Underwood, H. T. Behrends, Jr.; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Willis O. Robb; *Bethany*, P. A. Berry; *Wittenberg*, Edwin O. Weaver, J. Cal. Kauffman; *Wooster*, Dudley J. Hard; *Kenyon*, W. K. L. Warwick; *Ohio State*, Charles P. Sigerfoos; *Cincinnati*, F. H. Constant, Ellis Guy Kinkead; *De Pauw*, Lee S. Durham; *Michigan*, J. D. Harmon; *Hanover*, B. W. Tyler; *Wisconsin*, C. A. Dickson; *Northwestern*, W. B. Sawyer; *Kansas*, Ernest B. Blaker; *California*, F. W. McNear.

Alumni Chapters.—*New York*, John I. Covington, William R. Baird; *Washington*, J. C. Gordon; *Cincinnati*, Charles M. Hepburn, Willis O. Robb; *Chicago*, A. D. Rich; *Springfield*, E. O. Weaver.

1891. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, August 3-8.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Joseph C. Gordon; *Vice-Presidents*, Y. P. Morgan, Charles M. Hepburn, Charles S. Thomas; *Secretary*, Frank Henry Andrews; *Assistants*, Robert H. Fernald, Charles L. Sommers; *Marshal*, Harry A. Reese; *Assistant*, John W. Moore, Jr.; *Orator*, J. Cal Kauffman; *Poet*, James Taft Hatfield.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Brown*, Charles C. Converse; *Boston*, Harry E. Back; *Maine State*, Robert H. Fernald; *Amherst*, Joseph A. Goodrich; *Wesleyan*, Geo. W. Carter, David J. Carlough, John D. Stark; *Yale*, Otis H. Fisk; *Rutgers*, Chalmers P. Dyke; *Stevens*, Kingsley L. Martin, Fred H. McGahie; *Cornell*, Alfred J. Miller, William G. Newbrook, Edwin C. Clark; *St. Lawrence*, Lyman C. Ward; *Colgate*, Jay H. Scott, Charles A. Lemon; *Union*, Stephen G. Doig; *Columbia*, Arthur Stanley Ives; *Syracuse*, Marcus L. Glazer; *Dickinson*, Virgil Prettyman; *Johns Hopkins*, Earl P. Lothrop; *Pennsylvania State*, Albert D. Knittle; *Hampden-Sydney*, Robert M. Norvell; *North Carolina*, Wallace E. Rollins; *Virginia*, Frank H. Andrews; *Davidson*, Walter L. Lingle; *Randolph-Macon*, Richard H. T. Adams, Jr.; *Mississippi*, William T. Priestly; *Vanderbilt*, Orville A. Park; *Texas*, Levi T. Dashiell, Alfred C. McDaniel; *Miami*, Isaac M. Hughes; *Ohio*, Morris A. Henson; *Western Reserve*, William M. Hemperly, William T. Hastings; *Washington and Jefferson*, T. Grier Simonton; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Pennel Cherrington, Clarence S. Vandembark; *Wittenberg*, J. Cal. Kauffman; *Denison*, Oscar L. Watkins; *Wooster*, Charles S. Brilles; *Kenyon*, W. K. L. Warwick; *Ohio State*, Herbert L. Johnston, William L. Graves; *Cincinnati*, Robert F. Bahmann; *De Pauw*, Albert M. Cole, Clarence A. Royse, Lee S. Durham; *Indiana*, Charles S. Thomas; *Michigan*, John S. W. Holloway; *Wabash*, Jesse A. Greene; *Hanover*, John J. Bridges; *Knox*, Francis H. Sisson; *Beloit*, Charles S. Brett, George R. Jenkins; *Iowa*, Arthur J. Cox; *Wisconsin*, Warren A. Dennis; *Northwestern*, Harry W. Whitehead; *Minnesota*, Charles L. Sommers; *Westminster*, John W. Moore, Jr.; *California*, Albert C. Aiken; *Denver*, Everett F. Benedict; *Nebraska*, Harry A. Reese; *Missouri*, Eugene Atterbury, J. Bowman Sterling.

Alumni Chapters.—*New York*, John I. Covington; *Washington*, J. C. Gordon; *Cincinnati*, Charles M. Hepburn.

1892. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, August 3-9.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, E. B. Chandler; *Vice-Presidents*, T. M. Baxter, H. T. Fernald; *Secretaries*, Charles Clay Trabue, W. H. Austin, E. R. Hardy; *Marshals*, C. J. Parrish, J. V. McDonald; *Poet*, S. W. Foss.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Harvard*, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, Earle C. Arnold; *Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *Maine*, W. W. Crosby; *Amherst*, F. W. Beekman; *Dartmouth*, E. F. Ruggles; *Wesleyan*, Edwin B. Nichols, F. W. Ostrander; *Yale*, William B. Bailey; *Rutgers*, H. C. Cussler; *Stevens*, J. V. McDonald; *Cornell*, Willard H. Austin; *St. Lawrence*, Arthur R. Gledhill; *Colgate*, L. E. Brokaw; *Union*, John C. McAlpine, Miles Ayrault; *Columbia*, H. N. Hooper; *Syracuse*, Frank I. Richards; *Dickinson*, Clyde B. Furst; *Pennsylvania State*, Roy B. Mattern; *Lehigh*, William S. Jones; *Richmond*, L. R. Hamberlin; *Mississippi*, Samuel Holloway; *Vanderbilt*, Charles C. Trabue; *Cincinnati*, Elliott B. Palmer; *Ohio*, J. Chase Dowd; *Washington and Jefferson*, W. W. Maxwell; *Ohio Wesleyan*, J. Charles Parrish; *Denison*, F. W. Shepardson; *Wooster*, H. Platter; *Ohio State*, E. B. McCarter; *De Pauw*, R. F. Darnall; *Michigan*, F. Rich; *Knox*, Wilfred Arnold; *Beloit*, Sanford R. Catlin; *Northwestern*, Ransom E. Kennicott; *Minnesota*, Edward S. Avery; *California*, L. P. Rixford; *Nebraska*, Jas. B. MacDonald.

Alumni Chapters.—*Chicago*, E. B. Chandler, T. M. Baxter; *Washington*, J. C. Gordon; *Cincinnati*, C. M. Hepburn.

1893. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, July 26 to August 1.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, John I. Covington;¹ *Vice-Presidents*, William R. Baird, Williston Manley, B. H. Snell; *Secretaries*, R. E. Butrick, H. P. Pearsons, Charles T. Herbert; *Marshals*, G. V. Smith, A. F. Damon; *Orator*, Frank H. Scott; *Poet*, Charles K. Gaines.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Brown*, D. C. Chace; *Maine*, J. E. Harvey; *Dartmouth*, W. H. Ford; *Yale*, A. S. Briggs; *Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *Amherst*, B. H. Snell; *Wesleyan*, E. L. Steele; *Rutgers*, H. C. Weber; *Colgate*, J. O. Turner; *Syracuse*, F. L. Dutcher; *Stevens*, J. P. Klumpp; *St. Lawrence*, R. E. Butrick; *Columbia*, Donald MacGregor; *Union*, G. V. Smith; *Dickinson*, W. W. Uttley; *Pennsylvania State*, A. F.

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Alumni Chapters.—*Pittsburgh*, H. W. Mitchell, A. A. Patterson; *Nashville*, C. L. Thornburg; *Columbus*, J. Cal. Hanna; *New York*, W. R. Baird; *Cincinnati*, D. W. McClung, T. A. Reamy, Charles M. Hepburn.

1894. *Niagara Falls, N.Y., July 24-27.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Junius E. Beal; *First Vice-President*, Maj. W. C. Ransom; *Second Vice-President*, H. W. Mitchell; *Third Vice-President*, E. R. Hardy; *First Secretary*, Walter C. Cabell; *Second Secretary*, R. B. Treadway; *Third Secretary*, W. P. Behan; *First Marshal*, J. W. B. Smith; *Second Marshal*, L. M. Ward.

DELEGATES.—*Harvard*, J. R. Farovid; *Brown*, G. B. Van Doren; *Boston*, J. F. Grove; *Maine*, A. H. Buck; *Amherst*, D. W. Morrow; *Dartmouth*, H. S. Baketel; *Wesleyan*, O. W. Hill; *Yale*, R. B. Treadway; *Rutgers*, Edward S. Cooper; *Cornell*, G. F. A. Brueggeman; *Stevens*, W. H. Corbett; *St. Lawrence*, L. D. Case and F. J. Arnold; *Colgate*, Charles Runyon; *Union*, Miles Ayrault; *Syracuse*, Maurice Fikes; *Dickinson*, Paul Appenzellar; *Pennsylvania State*, J. F. Rodgers and B. B. Horton; *Hampden-Sydney*, B. M. Rosebro; *Virginia*, W. C. Cabell; *Davidson*, A. P. Bauman; *Centre*, C. H. Ferran; *Cumberland*, A. B. Humphreys; *Vanderbilt*, J. B. Hildebrand; *Texas*, J. W. B. Smith; *Miami*, J. C. Evans; *Cincinnati*, H. C. Culbertson and H. K. Dunham; *Ohio*, H. G. Stalder; *Western Reserve*, F. M. Stevens; *Washington and Jefferson*, E. W. Heisey and J. E. Duncan, Jr.; *Ohio Wesleyan*, F. S. Moffett; *Wittenberg*, H. S. Kissell; *Denison*, C. C. Jones and L. S. Curtis; *Wooster*, J. C. Whedon; A. B. Clark and D. J. Hard; *Kenyon*, Arthur Dumper; *Ohio State*, W. V. T. Landis; R. D. McCarter, Jr., and R. D. Layton; *De Pauw*, F. E. Strouse; *Indiana*, Harry W. McDowell; *Michigan*, R. W. Dunn, H. M. Otis and G. M. Chandler; *Wabash*, H. O. Allen; *Knox*, L. C. Maynard; *Beloit*, N. E. Catlin, J. J. Moore, and F. C. Jewell; *Chicago*, W. P. Behan and H. J. Smith; *Iowa Wesleyan*, J. A. Rominger; *Wisconsin*, L. M. Ward; *Northwestern*, E. H. Evers; *Minnesota*, H. H. Chapman; *Westminster*, W. E. Russell; *Kansas*, C. W. Miller; *California*, W. H. Gorrill; *Denver*, J. W. Sylvester; *Nebraska*, J. B. Becher; *Missouri*, K. Stone.

Alumni Delegates.—*Chicago*, Henry M. Echlin; *Columbus*, J. Cal. Hanna, Ralph K. Jones, W. H. Siebert; *Cincinnati*, Thad A. Reamy, Charles M. Hepburn, C. J. McDiarmid; *Nashville*, Charles L. Thornburg; *New York*, John I. Covington, James T. Brown; *Pittsburgh*, A. A. Patterson, H. W. Mitchell; *St. Paul*, F. D. Monfort; *Providence*, H. S. Babcock.

1895. *Chicago, July 23-27.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Dr. T. A. Reamy; *First Vice-President*, W. A. Hamilton; *Second Vice-President*, E. Bruce Chandler; *Third Vice-President*, James T. Brown; *Secretary*, William R. Baird; *Second Secretary*, E. F. Coffin; *Third Secretary*, A. A. Ewart; *Fourth Secretary*, O. L. Spaulding; *First Marshal*, A. R. Sheriff; *Second Marshal*, J. A. Gwyn.

DELEGATES.—*Harvard*, A. R. Sheriff; *Yale*, L. R. Conklin, B. M. Kever, W. C. Garrison; *Maine*, E. E. Gibbs; *Dartmouth*, Nathan Jenks, E. S. Davidson; *Brown*, A. M. Allan; *Boston*, L. H. Bugbee, A. P. Pratt, O. H. Powers; *Amherst*, Sumner Blakemore, T. C. Elliot, S. S. Parks; *Wesleyan*, E. F. Coffin; *Rutgers*, C. A. Poulson; *Stevens*, A. E. Whitman; *Colgate*, W. B. Kelsey; *Columbia*, J. A. Alexander; *Cornell*, L. W. Simpson, C. M. Howe, H. O. Austin; *St. Lawrence*, W. W. Read, W. C. Hepburn, G. R. Hardie; *Union*, E. A. Sommer; *Syracuse*, R. A. Wilcox; *Pennsylvania State*, B. F. Fisher, Jr.; *Johns Hopkins*, Reid Hunt; *Lehigh*, W. G. Whilden; H. H. Jones; *Hampden-Sydney*, R. C. Somerville; *Virginia*, W. D. Blair; *North Carolina*, J. A. Gwyn, V. C. McAdoo; *Centre*, R. M. Hill; *Texas*, W. P. Lobban; *Cumberland*, C. R. Williamson; *Vanderbilt*, A. J. Jungerman; *Miami*, W. M. Mont-

gomery, C. M. Glenn, W. J. Greer; *Ohio*, D. H. Thomas; *Western Reserve*, Frank Stahl, D. B. Wolcott; *Ohio Wesleyan*, C. E. Hetherington; *Bethany*, H. A. Watson, Ira W. Kimmel, Ernest Garrison; *Denison*, W. C. Merrill, E. J. Phelps; *Kenyon*, J. A. Sipher; *Cincinnati*, O. P. Geier; *Washington and Jefferson*, J. A. Duncan, J. E. Duncan, Jr., T. W. Frye; *Wittenberg*, H. E. Simon, G. M. Cummings; *Wooster*, B. R. Machatton; *Ohio State*, L. T. Williams, R. E. Layton; *De Pauw*, J. L. Gavin; *Michigan*, Chas. G. Cook, H. B. Otis, G. M. Chandler; *Hanover*, A. B. Rouse; *Knox*, E. M. Weeks, C. F. Laas, J. L. Crane; *Beloit*, F. W. Warner, Jr., W. E. Catlin, F. L. Pitkin; *Iowa*, C. T. Wright, F. M. Irish, T. R. Kimball; *Chicago*, E. E. Todd, C. S. Beach, D. S. Trumbull; *Iowa Wesleyan*, E. F. LaForce; *Wisconsin*, J. R. Richards, J. G. Smith, O. E. Libby; *Northwestern*, C. W. Spofford, G. A. Ramsey, J. E. Ward; *Minnesota*, R. M. Thompson, L. E. Clark, F. C. Faude; *Westminster*, C. H. Davis; *Kansas*, A. A. Ewart, C. W. Miller; *California*, G. M. Fisher; *Denver*, H. B. Young; *Nebraska*, B. E. Forbes, E. C. Ames; *Missouri*, A. E. Russell.

Alumni Delegates.—*Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *New York*, J. T. Brown, W. R. Baird; *Cincinnati*, C. M. Hepburn, Thad. A. Reamy; *Akron, O.*, J. Ed. Good; *Milwaukee*, G. E. Herrick; *Chicago*, W. Teis Smith, W. H. Hulburt, B. B. Davis; *Minneapolis*, F. M. Joyce; *St. Paul*, C. L. Somers; *St. Louis*, M. P. Drury; *Nashville*, C. L. Thornburg.

1896. *White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., July 28-31.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Willis O. Robb; *First Vice-President*, Willis Boughton; *Second Vice-President*, Marshall P. Drury; *Third Vice-President*, Wilkins Bruce; *Secretary*, C. J. McDiarmid; *First Assistant Secretary*, E. R. James; *Second Assistant Secretary*, F. E. Vaughn; *Third Assistant Secretary*, C. M. Howe; *Marshal*, Arthur S. Hoffman; *Assistant Marshal*, T. L. Shaffer.

DELEGATES.—*Harvard*, Sam S. Montague; *Boston*, Geo. W. Bell; *Maine*, Edmund C. Upton; *Amherst*, Harry W. Conant; *Dartmouth*, Ed. K. Wordworth; *Wesleyan*, Myron B. Yaw; *Yale*, Alex. B. Clark; *Rutgers*, Robt. W. Courtney; *Cornell*, Chas. M. Howe; *Stevens*, Alex. B. Macbeth; *St. Lawrence*, Arthur E. Griffiths; *Colgate*, Warwick S. Ford; *Union*, James Wingate; *Columbia*, W. R. Baird; *Syracuse*, Fred J. Topping; *Dickinson*, Jos. A. McKeehan; *Johns Hopkins*, Alfred S. Harden; *Pennsylvania*, Geo. W. Riley; *Pennsylvania State*, Robt. M. McKinley; *Lehigh*, Francis D. Amen; *North Carolina*, Francis A. Gudger; *Virginia*, Stephen A. Ellison; *Hampden-Sydney*, A. D. P. Gilmour; *Davidson*, P. F. Henderson; *Centre*, H. Lucius Montgomery; *Cumberland*, Albert G. Caldwell; *Vanderbilt*, Jas. B. Hildebrand; *Cincinnati*, W. D. Palmer; *Ohio*, Frank W. Moulton; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Frank C. Goodrich; *Bethany*, Alfred W. Place; *Wittenberg*, Edward H. Collis; *Denison*, W. C. Merrill; *Kenyon*, J. J. Dimon; *Ohio State*, Arthur S. Hoffman; *De Pauw*, Eugene C. Shireman; *Indiana*, William A. Shryer; *Michigan*, Geo. M. Chandler; *Hanover*, Roy S. Eastman; *Knox*, Chas. F. Lass; *Beloit*, Royal C. Sercomb; *Iowa*, Raymond E. Peck; *Chicago*, F. E. Vaughn; *Iowa Wesleyan*, Aaron V. Blackford; *Wisconsin*, Ossian T. Waite; *Northwestern*, Geo. H. Miller; *Minnesota*, H. H. Woodman; *Westminster*, E. A. Neel; *Kansas*, Harold W. Smith; *California*, Otto F. Wedemeyer; *Denver*, Thos. L. Schaffer; *Nebraska*, Fred C. Cooley; *Missouri*, W. H. Dulaney; *Stanford*, Harry C. Hazard.

Alumni Chapters.—*Cincinnati*, T. A. Reamy, C. J. McDiarmid, H. C. Culbertson; *Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *New York*, Jas. T. Brown; *Nashville*, Chas. L. Thornburg; *St. Louis*, Marshall P. Drury; *Indianapolis*, A. N. Grant.

1897. *Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 16-19.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, William A. Hamilton; *First Vice-President*, Marshall P. Drury; *Second Vice-President*, Edward R. Hardy; *Third Vice-President*, Arthur E. Merkel; *Secretary*, George M. Chandler; *First Assistant Secretary*, Frederick A. Welles; *Second Assistant Secretary*, Charles S. Dole; *Marshal*, Robert W. Courtney; *Assistant Marshal*, Robert Frazier.

DELEGATES.—*Harvard*, Howard Coonley; *Boston*, W. E. C. Leonard; *Maine*, Bertrand R. Johnson; *Amherst*, Fred K. Dyer; *Dartmouth*, Elliot L. Perkins; *Wesleyan*, Walter B. Rile; *Yale*, Thomas M. Evans; *Rutgers*, Robert W. Courtney; *Cornell*, Clarence S. Moore; *Stevens*, Frederick A. Wells; *St. Lawrence*, Arthur B. Joy; *Colgate*, Wm. W. Barker; *Union*, Daniel H. Deyoe, Jr.; *Columbia*, Frederick H. Cluff; *Syracuse*, Robert Frazier; *Washington and Jefferson*, Archibald A. Wilson; *Pennsylvania*, W. P. Humphreys; *Dickinson*, J. Luther Sigmund; *Johns Hopkins*, Charles K. Winne, Jr.; *Pennsylvania State*, Joseph M. Curtin; *Lehigh*, D'Arcy W. Roper; *Hampden-Sydney*, Edward H. Barnett; *North Carolina*, Thomas C. Smith, Jr.; *Virginia*,

W. Cabell Moore; *Davidson*, Samuel A. Robinson; *Centre*, R. Smith Dulin; *Cumberland*, Jordan S. Brown; *Mississippi*, Albert W. Hunt; *Vanderbilt*, Walter N. Davis; *Texas*, H. Roy Styles; *Miami*, Lee O. Lantis; *Cincinnati*, Morris R. Ebersole; *Western Reserve*, Henry E. Freeman; *Ohio*, Joseph T. Ullom; *Bethany*, William L. Fisher; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Jacob J. Coons; *Wittenberg*, Charles L. Boshey; *Denison*, Thomas B. Powell; *Wooster*, D. J. Flemming; *Kenyon*, Harry B. Shontz; *Ohio State*, David T. Keating; *De Pauw*, Frederic A. Ogg; *Indiana*, Willis R. Hunter; *Michigan*, George M. Chandler; *Wabash*, George L. Denny; *Hanover*, Charles D. Billings; *Knox*, Francis H. Sisson; *Iowa*, J. L. Scheuerman; *Chicago*, Roy B. Tabor; *Iowa Wesleyan*, Miles Babb; *Wisconsin*, Orsimus Cole, Jr.; *Northwestern*, Barry Gilbert; *Minnesota*, Frank C. Faude; *Westminster*, Percy T. Van Dyke; *Kansas*, Webster Wilder; *California*, W. Wilfred Ransom; *Denver*, T. Bruce King; *Nebraska*, William H. Lehman; *Missouri*, George R. Wilkinson; *Stanford*, Charles S. Dole.

Alumni Chapters.—*Akron*, William B. Doyle and J. Ed. Good; *Boston*, Edward R. Hardy; *Charleston* (W. Va.), Robert M. Mann; *Chicago*, William A. Hamilton, E. Bruce Chandler and Henry M. Echlin; *Cincinnati*, Campbell J. McDiarmid, Milton Sayler and W. B. Spellmire; *Cleveland*, George F. Saal, Charles H. Taylor and Dudley J. Hard; *Columbus*, J. Cal. Hanna; *Indianapolis*, Warren D. Oakes; *Minneapolis*, Robert M. Thompson; *New York*, William R. Baird, James T. Brown and William O. Robb; *St. Louis*, Marshall P. Drury.

1898. *Cincinnati, Ohio, July 19-22.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Burton B. Tuttle; *First Vice-President*, F. H. Sisson; *Second Vice-President*, E. R. Hardy; *Third Vice-President*, R. M. Thompson; *Secretary*, Warren D. Oakes; *First Assistant Secretary*, Howard Nieman; *Second Assistant Secretary*, J. D. Blything; *Marshal*, E. W. Jungerman; *Assistant Marshal*, C. E. Walters.

DELEGATES.—*Harvard*, J. H. Sherburn; *Brown*, R. C. Robinson; *Boston*, W. B. Poor; *Maine*, W. E. Belcher; *Amherst*, E. O. Damon; *Wesleyan*, R. W. Langford; *Yale*, S. Gilman; *Cornell*, W. R. Miller; *Stevens*, C. T. Myers; *St. Lawrence*, S. E. Gunnison; *Colgate*, C. E. Walters; *Union*, Louis Tinning; *Washington and Jefferson*, C. S. Bowman; *Dickinson*, H. S. Cannon; *Johns Hopkins*, T. H. Palmer; *Pennsylvania State*, J. N. Sherer; *Lehigh*, B. T. Converse; *Hampden-Sydney*, T. C. Jones; *Davidson*, C. M. Brown; *Centre*, M. R. Cotton; *Vanderbilt*, E. W. Jungerman; *Texas*, S. H. Schweer; *Miami*, C. G. Grulee; *Cincinnati*, R. R. Caldwell; *Western Reserve*, J. B. Austin; *Ohio*, H. Bahrman; *Ohio Wesleyan*, L. O. Hartman; *Bethany*, P. B. Cochran; *Wittenberg*, A. O. Gruver; *Denison*, W. E. Wright; *Kenyon*, C. H. Foster; *Ohio State*, R. J. King; *De Pauw*, Charles S. Levings; *Indiana*, Jefferson D. Blything; *Wabash*, M. J. Welborn; *Hanover*, E. L. Throop; *Michigan*, T. R. Woodrow; *Knox*, C. A. Griffith; *Iowa*, J. M. Thompson; *Chicago*, P. Blackwelder; *Iowa Wesleyan*, C. W. Cochran; *Wisconsin*, J. M. Barr; *Northwestern*, W. L. Herdien; *Minnesota*, P. Faude; *Westminster*, J. R. Baker; *Kansas*, J. E. Friselle; *Denver*, C. Percy Fonda; *Nebraska*, E. M. Cramb; *Missouri*, George R. Wilkerson; *California*, Benjamin Bakewell; *Stanford*, F. B. Braden.

Alumni Chapters.—*Akron*, H. C. Haves; *Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *Chicago*, H. M. Echlin, William A. Hamilton, and C. H. Robinson; *Cincinnati*, Burton B. Tuttle, Charles M. Hepburn, and E. Roy Meyers; *Columbus*, J. Cal. Hanna and William L. Graves; *Indianapolis*, James L. Gavin and Warren D. Oakes; *Minneapolis*, Robert M. Thompson; *Springfield*, A. N. Slayton and A. S. Kissell; *Terre Haute*, Herbert V. Barbour.

1899. *Niagara Falls, N.Y., July 28-August 1.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, H. W. Mitchell; *First Vice-President*, C. J. McDiarmid; *Second Vice-President*, James T. Brown; *Third Vice-President*, W. B. Doyle; *Secretary*, F. G. Ensign; *First Assistant Secretary*, H. A. Hitchcock; *Second Assistant Secretary*, G. G. Kellogg; *Marshal*, A. P. Burroughs; *Assistant Marshal*, M. E. Chism.

DELEGATES.—*Brown*, R. M. Richmond; *Maine*, H. A. Hatch; *Amherst*, A. P. Simmons; *Boston*, E. A. Hamilton; *Wesleyan*, W. B. Hinkley; *Dartmouth*, John Mathes; *Yale*, S. A. Gilmour; *Rutgers*, Winant Van Winkle; *Cornell*, H. A. Hitchcock; *Stevens*, R. D. Brooks; *St. Lawrence*, N. L. Lobdell; *Colgate*, A. P. Burroughs; *Union*, G. E. Pike; *Syracuse*, A. L. Rust; *Columbia*, Roger Durham; *Washington and Jefferson*, P. J. Alexander; *Dickinson*, E. E. Cline; *Johns Hopkins*, Geo. Knapp; *Pennsylvania*, T. L. Bean; *Pennsylvania State*, Jos. McKinley; *Lehigh*, H. B. Chapman; *Hampden-Sydney*, J. W. H. Pilson; *Davidson*, W. S. Royster; *Centre*, R. B. Toney; *Texas*, J. W. Hawkins; *Miami*, P. M. Hoover; *Cincinnati*, R. E. Kreimer; *Western Reserve*,

J. H. Weber; *Ohio*, C. L. Biddison; *Bethany*, G. M. Mason; *Wittenberg*, B. F. Larick; *Denison*, W. C. Marlow; *Wooster*, R. H. Goheen; *Kenyon*, S. A. Huston; *Ohio State*, R. C. Skiles; *De Pauw*, E. J. Glessner; *Indiana*, H. V. Barbour; *Wabash*, D. M. Wishard; *Hanover*, S. W. Huffer; *Michigan*, B. Colson; *Knox*, E. T. Manning; *Beloit*, F. G. Ensign; *Iowa*, H. R. Reynolds; *Chicago*, M. D. Harris; *Iowa Wesleyan*, W. S. Mitchell; *Wisconsin*, Paul Pratt; *Northwestern*, W. Hard; *Minnesota*, E. P. Sanford; *Westminster*, J. F. Bolton; *Kansas*, F. D. Parent; *Denver*, E. W. Wiley; *Nebraska*, C. D. Beghtol; *Missouri*, H. J. Bain; *California*, J. D. Hoffman; *Stanford*, G. G. Kellogg.

Alumni Chapters.—*Akron* (Ohio), W. B. Doyle; *Charleston* (W.Va.), C. C. Lewis, Jr.; *Chicago*, Geo. M. Chandler, H. M. Echlin; *Cincinnati*, Harry Dunham; *Denver*, (Colo.), Frank Downer; *Galesburg* (Ill.), F. H. Sisson; *Indianapolis*, J. L. Gavin; *New York*, W. R. Baird, Jas. T. Brown, Willis O. Robb; *Pittsburgh*, H. W. Mitchell; *St. Louis*, M. C. Williams; *Terre Haute*, C. S. Levings.

1900. Put-in-Bay, Ohio, August 29-31.

OFFICERS.—*President*, J. Cal Hanna; *First Vice-President*, Wilfred Arnold; *Second Vice-President*, Gaillard Stoney; *Third Vice-President*, Junius E. Beal; *Secretary*, William R. Baird; *First Assistant Secretary*, S. P. Hitchcock; *Second Assistant Secretary*, LeRoy Salsich; *Third Assistant Secretary*, B. W. Valentine; *Marshal*, F. A. Corbusier; *Assistant Marshal*, M. E. Chism.

DELEGATES.—*Wesleyan*, J. A. Decker; *Dartmouth*, T. J. Merrill; *Amherst*, C. H. Pattee; *Maine*, S. D. Thompson; *Boston*, W. W. Coles; *Brown*, C. C. Eaton; *Yale*, F. B. Eisman; *Rutgers*, A. J. Steelman, Jr.; *Cornell*, S. P. Hitchcock; *Stevens*, C. D. Chastaney; *St. Lawrence*, A. G. Gunnison; *Colgate*, B. W. Valentine; *Union*, J. McNab; *Columbia*, K. Durham; *Syracuse*, F. W. Millsbaugh; *Pennsylvania*, A. R. Adamson; *Johns Hopkins*, J. A. Saylor; *Pennsylvania State*, C. H. Raub; *Lehigh*, L. D. Menough; *Dickinson*, K. T. Brown; *Washington and Jefferson*, P. W. Cooper; *Davidson*, P. C. DuBose; *Virginia*, H. A. Garland; *Centre*, J. W. Embry; *Texas*, H. L. Borden; *Miami*, G. L. Marshall; *Cincinnati*, H. L. Shepard; *Western Reserve*, H. A. Hard; *Ohio*, S. G. Winter; *Ohio Wesleyan*, M. W. Rothrock; *Bethany*, J. L. Marshall; *Wittenberg*, H. A. Miller; *Denison*, F. Browne; *Wooster*, H. A. Brown; *Kenyon*, L. A. Griggsby; *Ohio State*, B. S. Stephenson; *De Pauw*, J. P. Goodwin; *Indiana*, F. W. Ray; *Hanover*, J. C. Brown; *Michigan*, A. H. Knight; *Knox*, H. C. Morse; *Beloit*, J. E. Simmons; *Iowa*, J. Harvey; *Chicago*, K. Speed; *Iowa Wesleyan*, F. Hall; *Wisconsin*, L. R. Salsich; *Northwestern*, C. W. Patterson; *Minnesota*, G. B. Palmer; *Kansas*, R. M. Cross; *Denver*, H. W. Avery; *Nebraska*, L. H. McKillip; *Missouri*, C. A. Jenkins; *California*, E. B. Marsh; *Stanford*, F. A. Corbusier.

Alumni Delegates.—*Akron*, W. B. Doyle; *Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *Chicago*, G. M. Chandler; *Cincinnati*, M. Saylor; *Cleveland*, A. M. Snyder; *Columbus*, W. L. Graves; *Denver*, A. C. Patton; *Galesburg*, W. Arnold; *Indianapolis*, W. W. Knapp; *Minneapolis*, R. M. Thompson; *Memphis*, M. E. Chism; *New York*, J. T. Brown; *Portland*, A. L. Burnell; *San Francisco*, Gaillard Stoney; *Zanesville*, A. F. Geyer.

1901. Lakewood, N.Y., August 27-31.

OFFICERS.—*President*, William A. Hamilton; *First Vice-President*, Willis O. Robb; *Second Vice-President*, Wilfred Arnold; *Third Vice-President*, Dr. Thaddeus A. Reamy; *Secretary*, James T. Brown; *First Assistant Secretary*, Charles S. Levings; *Second Assistant Secretary*, Percy B. Cochran; *Third Assistant Secretary*, Harry W. Cole; *Marshal*, William H. Strietman; *Assistant Marshal*, M. E. Chism.

DELEGATES.—*Brown*, R. N. Gee; *Boston*, L. P. Ayres; *Maine*, E. B. Ross; *Wesleyan*, I. F. Scofield; *Yale*, J. Fairbanks; *Bowdoin*, L. C. Whitmore; *Amherst*, H. R. Leonard; *Dartmouth*, G. I. Schleicher; *Rutgers*, A. J. Steelman; *Cornell*, M. R. Whinery; *Stevens*, H. Topping; *St. Lawrence*, J. B. Hawley; *Colgate*, I. H. Benedict; *Union*, H. N. Bowler; *Columbia*, G. M. Alexander; *Syracuse*, R. D. Woolsey; *Washington and Jefferson*, R. K. McConnell; *Dickinson*, C. W. Hoover; *Johns Hopkins*, W. B. Swindell, Jr.; *Pennsylvania*, J. C. Boltz; *Pennsylvania State*, C. R. Siegfried; *Lehigh*, W. P. Tunstall; *Hampton-Sydney*, E. H. Cohn; *North Carolina*, E. C. Gudger; *Virginia*, W. C. Lancaster; *Davidson*, L. R. Kirkpatrick; *Texas*, E. E. Bewley; *Miami*, L. N. Parrish; *Cincinnati*, W. H. Strietman; *Western Reserve*, O. A. Weber; *Ohio*, F. P. Johnston; *Ohio Wesleyan*, G. R. Heffley; *Bethany*, J. Marshall; *Wittenberg*, C. S. Bauslin; *Denison*, F. Browne; *Wooster*, E. D. Lucas; *Kenyon*, G. Davidson; *Ohio State*, W. A. Ridenour; *West Virginia*, H. H. Keener; *De Pauw*, C. S. Levings; *Indiana*, H. R.

Davidson; *Wabash*, H. T. Ristine; *Hanover*, W. Z. Reynolds; *Michigan*, S. W. Ladd; *Knox*, W. P. Lass; *Beloit*, B. F. Williams; *Iowa*, W. O. Coast; *Chicago*, E. H. B. Watson; *Iowa Wesleyan*, A. D. Bonfield; *Wisconsin*, H. W. Cole; *Northwestern*, A. D. Sanders, Jr.; *Minnesota*, G. B. Palmer; *Westminster*, J. W. Lewis; *Kansas*, J. C. Nichols; *Denver*, C. F. Carmine; *Nebraska*, S. G. Musser; *Missouri*, R. C. Mullins; *Colorado*, L. A. Williams; *Washington*, R. L. Murphy; *California*, C. M. Coleman; *Stanford*, R. Lockey, Jr.

Alumni Chapters.—*Akron*, W. B. Doyle; *Cleveland*, M. F. Lewis; *Columbus*, W. L. Graves; *Chicago*, W. A. Hamilton; *Cincinnati*, Dr. Thaddeus A. Reamy; *Galesburg*, Wilfred Arnold; *Indianapolis*, J. L. Gavin; *Memphis*, M. E. Chism; *Minneapolis*, R. M. Thompson; *New York*, J. T. Brown; *Pittsburgh*, H. W. Mitchell; *Washington*, C. T. Clark.

1902. *Lake Minnetonka, Minn., July 8-11.*

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1906. *Denver, Colo., July 23-26.*

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1907. *Cataract Hotel, Niagara Falls, N.Y., July 23-26.*

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1908. Cataract Hotel, Niagara Falls, N.Y., August 4-7.

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1909. *Hotel Victory. Put-in-Bay Island, Ohio, August 3-6.*

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1910. *United States Hotel, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. July 8-11*

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1911. The Clifton Hotel, Niagara Falls, N.Y. July 4-8

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1912. *The Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. September 3-6.*

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1913. *Atlantic House, Nantasket Beach, Mass. September 2-5.*

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1914. *The Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. September 1-4.*

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1915. *Oakland, Calif., August 31-September 3.*

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1916. *Saratoga Springs, N.Y., September 5-8.*

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1917. *Niagara Falls, N.Y., September 4-7.*

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consin, Donald W. McGinnis; *Iowa*, Horace Van Metre; *Iowa State*, Harry F. Gager; *Minnesota*, Louis A. Houser; *Nebraska*, Terrance A. Lonam; *South Dakota*, A. G. Beardsley; *Kansas*, Paul E. Pulliam; *Kansas State*, unrepresented; *Missouri*, George K. Teasdale; *Washington*, Samuel B. Grant; *Westminster*, Glenn D. Squires; *Oklahoma*, Edward K. Witcher; *Texas*, unrepresented; *Tulane*, Robert Emmett Craig; *Colorado College*, A. V. Dworak; *Colorado Mines*, unrepresented; *Colorado*, D. R. Knowlton; *Denver*, J. W. Brandt; *Utah*, unrepresented; *Idaho*, A. J. G. Priest; *Oregon*, Glen S. Macy; *University of Washington*, Edward P. Tremper, Jr.; *Whitman*, H. F. Traut; *Stanford*, Robert Welch; *California*, Harold W. Forsey.

Alumni Delegates.—*Boston*, Clarence L. Newton; *Chicago*, George M. Chandler, Hudson Kelley; *Columbus*, William L. Graves; *Indianapolis*, Howard W. Adams, James L. Gavin; *New York*, James T. Brown, Francis H. Sisson; *Philadelphia*, George H. Bruce, Warren P. Humphreys; *Pittsburgh*, Bertram S. Stephenson; *San Francisco*, Charles L. Lewis; *Toledo*, J. Harold Ryan.

1918. *White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., July 2-5.*

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DELEGATES.—*Amherst*, Rufus C. VanSant; *Beloit*, Jarvis A. Shedd; *Bethany*, Donald L. Boyd; *Bowdoin*, Louis B. McCarthy; *Brown*, Marvin W. Ray; *California*, Hale W. Luff; *Case*, Spencer W. Butler; *Centre*, Will R. Pryor; *Chicago*, unrepresented; *Cincinnati*, Samuel Pogue Todd; *Colgate*, unrepresented; *Colorado*, Berger O. Tingloff; *Colorado College*, Edward W. Hughes; *Colorado Mines*, unrepresented; *Columbia*, Fritz Roethlisberger; *Cornell*, Anthony H. Collins; *Dartmouth*, H. Sheridan Baketel, Jr.; *Davidson*, unrepresented; *Denison*, Benjamin F. Hershey, Jr.; *Denver*, William F. Robinson; *De Pauw*, Lloyd M. Cline; *Dickinson*, unrepresented; *Georgia Tech*, A. Sidney Lewis; *Hanover*, Paul B. Terhune; *Idaho*, Henry Christ; *Illinois*, Robert P. Gardner; *Indiana*, Walter W. Duft; *Iowa*, J. Dewey Bisgard; *Iowa State*, Dale E. Conger; *Johns Hopkins*, John S. Stanley; *Kansas*, James M. Scott; *Kansas State*, Clayton N. Smith; *Kenyon*, unrepresented; *Knox*, Edmund Stofft; *Lehigh*, Harry S. Saxman; *Maine*, unrepresented; *Massachusetts Institute*, Adolph L. Miller; *Miami*, Charles N. French; *Michigan*, Holland M. Cowen; *Minnesota*, Stanley E. Hughes; *Missouri*, Robert Edmondson; *Nebraska*, Lester R. Vinsant; *North Carolina*, Allen M. Martin; *Northwestern*, Edwin H. Bideau; *Ohio*, Earl Krigger; *Ohio State*, Albert D. Miller; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Robert J. Harley; *Oklahoma*, F. E. Couch; *Oregon*, Curtis A. Peterson; *Pennsylvania*, unrepresented; *Purdue*, Aaron R. Kaufman; *Rutgers*, William H. Gardner; *St. Lawrence*, Glen G. Halladay; *South Dakota*, Howard C. Taylor; *Stanford*, unrepresented; *Stevens*, John C. Talbot; *Syracuse*, Russell M. Gulde; *Texas*, Richard A. Knight; *Toronto*, C. A. Massey; *Tulane*, Garner H. Tullis; *Union*, Edward S. Cassidy; *Utah*, unrepresented; *Vanderbilt*, Samuel H. Patterson; *Virginia*, Walter P. Adams; *Wabash*, Ralph W. Hockleman; *Washington*, Andrew W. Kurrus; *Washington and Jefferson*, Myron E. Rowley; *Washington and Lee*, William J. Rush-ton, Jr.; *University of Washington*, unrepresented; *Wesleyan*, Joseph T. Bray; *Western Reserve*, Paul H. Spies; *Westminster*, Glenn D. Squires; *Whitman*, William E. Snyder; *Williams*, Harvey C. Jewett; *West Virginia*, John M. Brewster; *Wisconsin*, John W. Brindley; *Wittenberg*, J. Bartle Bronson; *Yale*, Richard H. Mather.

Alumni Delegates.—*Boston*, Clarence L. Newton; *New York*, James T. Brown, Francis H. Sisson; *Chicago*, George M. Chandler, *Indianapolis*, James L. Gavin; *Toledo*, J. Harold Ryan; *Philadelphia*, George H. Bruce, John A. Blair; *St. Louis*, Stratford L. Morton; *Dallas*, J. Hart Willis; *Kansas City*, Samuel A. Dew; *San Francisco*, Charles L. Lewis.

1919. *Swampscott, Mass., September 2-5.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, James L. Gavin; *First Vice-President*, Howard T. Crawford; *Second Vice-President*, Charles L. Lewis; *Third Vice-President*, Jay Glover Eldredge; *Fourth Vice-President*, Elbert S. Barlow; *Secretary*, Kenneth Rogers; *First Assistant Secretary*, C. W. Loomis; *Second Assistant Secretary*, Herbert A. Koenig; *Marshal*, John Zimmerman; *Assistant Marshal*, J. R. King, Jr.; *Chorister*, Morris R. Ebersole.

DELEGATES.—*Bowdoin*, Edward Ellms; *Brown*, L. P. Zellers; *Maine*, Herbert W. Hitchings; *Massachusetts Institute*, George R. White; *Amherst*, Charles B. Wilbur; *Dartmouth*, Earl H. Bruce; *Wesleyan*, Edward S. Boote; *Williams*, Steward S. Hawes;

Yale, Daniel Tyler, Jr.; *Colgate*, W. C. Cooper; *Union*, F. L. Comstock; *St. Lawrence*, John L. Brooks, Jr.; *Cornell*, C. W. Elmer; *Syracuse*, Robert J. Dearnis; *Toronto*, Z. V. Raynor; *Columbia*, Herbert A. Koenig; *Rutgers*, Ross H. Minor; *Stevens*, L. P. Hopkins; *Dickinson*, A. Todd Cronway; *Johns Hopkins*, George H. Evans, Jr.; *Lehigh*, J. N. Howard, Jr.; *Pennsylvania*, Russell McCormick; *Bethany*, Milton A. Hanna; *Pennsylvania State*, H. R. Courson; *Washington and Jefferson*, Henry N. Fulton; *West Virginia*, C. B. Pride; *Davidson*, W. F. Hall, Jr.; *North Carolina*, L. H. Bryant; *Virginia*, James B. Rixey; *Washington and Lee*, C. H. McCain; *Case*, Morris R. Chase; *Denison*, James F. Roudebush; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Calvin G. Elliott; *Western Reserve*, Victor K. Dorer; *Cincinnati*, Alison B. Ideson, Jr.; *Miami*, R. J. Himmelright; *Ohio*, Dean B. Copeland; *Ohio State*, Allen Pretzman; *Wittenberg*, Howard G. Brady; *De Pauw*, R. W. Smith; *Hanover*, H. C. Rogers; *Indiana*, James W. Brown; *Purdue*, Donald H. Sherwood; *Wabash*, C. E. Piety; *Centre*, James F. Coleman; *Georgia Tech*, Carl H. Boone; *Vanderbilt*, E. F. Roomey; *Chicago*, J. Warren Mulroy; *Illinois*, J. D. Havens; *Knox*, J. C. T. Rogers; *Michigan*, W. S. Trowbridge; *Beloit*, Walter H. Ritsher; *Northwestern*, Theodore M. Hatfield; *Wisconsin*, F. A. Goerlitz; *Iowa*, Edward A. Doerr; *Iowa State*, O. G. Wilson, Jr.; *Minnesota*, Tiel P. Sanford; *South Dakota*, J. Stanley Higgins; *Missouri*, Rogers Crittenden; *Washington*, F. H. Simmons; *Westminster*, G. G. Grant; *Kansas*, B. Jensen; *Kansas State*, H. T. Enns, Jr.; *Nebraska*, Richard L. Tupler; *Oklahoma*, David E. Hilles; *Texas*, John Porter King; *Tulane*, F. E. Simmons; *Colorado*, C. S. Lavington; *Colorado College*, R. A. Howes; *Colorado Mines*, W. P. Thomson; *Denver*, W. S. Iliff, Jr.; *Utah*, J. L. Ronnow; *Idaho*, C. H. Darling; *Oregon*, Harold W. White; *University of Washington*, H. M. Hunt; *Whitman*, William M. Wilson; *California*, L. G. Harrier; *Stanford*, Roy I. Hill.

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1920. *Williams Bay, Wis., September 3-7.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Francis W. Shepardson; *First Vice-President*, Walter Teis Smith; *Second Vice-President*, Alonzo M. Snyder; *Third Vice-President*, Hudson Kelley; *Fourth Vice-President*, J. Calvin Kauffmann; *Secretary*, Kenneth Rogers; *First Assistant Secretary*, Gordon S. Smyth; *Second Assistant Secretary*, Walter Ritsher; *Third Assistant Secretary*, Richard S. Kimball; *Marshal*, John McNamara; *Assistant Marshal*, Austin Fox; *Chorister*, Morris R. Ebersole.

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Thomas G. Pickering; *Williams*, Arthur L. Thexton; *Wisconsin*, William K. Schaab; *Wittenberg*, Brannoch P. Baylor; *Yale*, B. J. Wood.

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1921. *Estes Park, Colo., September 6-9.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Roger H. Wolcott; *First Vice-President*, James I. McConaughy; *Second Vice-President*, J. Ernest Mitchell; *Third Vice-President*, William L. Graves; *Secretary*, S. Raymond Thornburg; *First Assistant Secretary*, A. J. G. Priest; *Second Assistant Secretary*, Wallace H. Lanningan; *Third Assistant Secretary*, Floyd F. Walpole; *Marshal*, W. B. Kegg; *Assistant Marshal*, Stanley Hanson; *Chorister*, Morris R. Ebersole.

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Alumni Delegates.—*Chicago*, Francis W. Shepardson, Morris R. Ebersole, Charles P. Davis; *Denver*, C. D. Fisher; *Columbus*, William L. Graves; *New York*, John R. Simpson, James T. Brown, George H. Bruce; *Indianapolis*, George L. Clark; *Boston*, Clarence L. Newton; *Toledo*, J. Harold Ryan; *Terre Haute*, George C. Buntin; *Tri Cities (Davenport, Rock Island, Moline)*, Charles J. Montgomery; *Boise*, A. J. G. Priest; *Kansas City*, C. A. Barrows; *Cleveland*, A. M. Snyder; *Springfield (Ohio)*, J. L. Zimmerman, Jr.; *Dallas*, Albert S. Lewis; *San Francisco*, Dexter J. Tight; *New Orleans*, Charles M. Bradburn; *Minneapolis*, Robert M. Thompson; *Topeka*, William S. Miller.

1922. *West Baden, Ind., September 5-9.*

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Fourth Vice-President, J. Edward Good; *Secretary*, S. Raymond Thornburg; *First Assistant Secretary*, H. W. McCulloch; *Second Assistant Secretary*, J. Hutton Hinch; *Marshal*, Hugh S. Williamson; *Assistant Marshal*, Louis Ranier; *Chorister*, Stanley L. Garnjost.

Delegates.—*Amherst*, William F. Whitla; *Beloit*, Edward M. Brolin; *Bethany*, Samuel W. Jacobs; *Bowdoin*, J. R. Sheesley; *Brown*, Edward J. Gorman, Jr.; *California*, William Bell; *Carnegie*, C. F. Bowers; *Case*, R. W. Worley; *Centre*, Dewey Kimbel; *Chicago*, Harold J. Noyes; *Cincinnati*, Rossiter H. Hobbs; *Colgate*, John Frederick Mumm; *Colorado*, Ben F. Sessel; *Colorado College*, E. M. Leino; *Colorado Hines*, W. M. Gebo; *Columbia*, H. S. Williamson; *Cornell*, Elias F. Buckley; *Dartmouth*, William C. Whipple; *Davidson*, R. F. Davidson; *Denison*, Willis H. Willis; *Denver*, Allen K. Laing; *De Pauw*, Lyle R. Burton; *Dickinson*, Carl Stoner; *Georgia Tech*, Marston L. Marshall; *Hanover*, C. Van Antwerp; *Idaho*, William C. Carpenter; *Illinois*, D. Beach Carre; *Indiana*, David G. Wylie; *Iowa*, Walter B. Reno; *Iowa State*, Mortimer Goodwin; *Johns Hopkins*, C. C. G. Evans; *Kansas*, Harry M. Turner; *Kansas State*, C. L. Turley; *Kenyon*, R. M. Harkness; *Knox*, Craig R. Johnson; *Lehigh*, R. S. Webb; *Maine*, Franz R. Dolliver; *Massachusetts Institute*, H. O. Tappen; *Miami*, W. G. Simenson; *Michigan*, Virgil S. Reiter; *Minnesota*, J. E. Holt; *Missouri*, P. B. Turner; *Nebraska*, J. E. Whitten; *North Carolina*, J. A. Vance, Jr.; *Northwestern*, John A. Paver; *Ohio*, H. W. Roach; *Ohio State*, John M. McDonald; *Ohio Wesleyan*, David S. Craig; *Oklahoma*, Angus M. Woodford; *Oregon*, Owen Calloway; *Pennsylvania*, George T. Hayman; *Pennsylvania State*, Stanley B. Maddox; *Purdue*, F. F. Eichhorn; *Rutgers*, J. I. Kibbe; *St. Lawrence*, Charles Cole Neavling; *South Dakota*, F. B. Lindamood; *Stanford*, L. L. Alabaster; *Stevens*, T. F. Lemmers; *Syracuse*, Howard T. Finch; *Texas*, John McIver Furman, III; *Toronto*, E. B. Harshaw; *Tulane*, Edward A. Davidson; *Union*, Samuel B. Fortenbaugh; *Utah*, George L. Baker; *Vanderbilt*, John B. Killebrew; *Virginia*, Fred B. Greear; *Wabash*, A. B. Miller; *Washington*, A. H. McMahon; *Washington State*, Thomas W. Love; *University of Washington*, A. Howard Meneeley; *Washington and Jefferson*, William M. Richardson; *Washington and Lee*, A. C. Bryan; *Wesleyan*, J. L. Moore; *Westminster*, Fred H. Montgomery; *Western Reserve*, W. D. Templeman; *West Virginia*, J. W. Savage; *Whitman*, Walter Shroeder; *Williams*, Robert H. McGrath; *Wisconsin*, Benjamin F. Jackson; *Wittenberg*, Wallace Horn; *Yale*, Charles M. Spofford.

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1923. *White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., July 3-7.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, J. Harold Ryan; *First Vice-President*, Stratford L. Morton; *Second Vice-President*, William L. Graves; *Third Vice-President*, McLane Tilton; *Chaplain*, George W. Switzer; *Secretary*, S. Raymond Thornburg; *First Assistant Secretary*, George B. Calloway; *Second Assistant Secretary*, James A. Rice; *Marshal*, Harry H. Martin; *Assistant Marshal*, John Bigwell; *Chorister*, Stanley L. Garnjost.

DELEGATES.—*Amherst*, P. H. Wilson; *Beloit*, Roger R. Tuttrup; *Bethany*, Robert D. Hurl; *Bowdoin*, Malcolm E. Hardy; *Brown*, Kern D. Metzger; *California*, Robert A. Hill; *Carnegie*, Ralph E. Kremer; *Case*, Robert W. Worley; *Centre*, unrepresented; *Chicago*, E. T. Starbuck; *Cincinnati*, T. D. Boyd; *Colgate*, H. J. Hustis; *Colorado*, J. C. Bowman; *Colorado College*, Fred English; *Colorado Mines*, Firman H. Brown; *Columbia*, Frank S. Hogan; *Cornell*, M. W. Filius; *Dartmouth*, Arnold D. Jenkins; *Davidson*, C. V. Brown, Jr.; *Denison*, Thomas Hundley; *Denver*, Frank Marion Mobley; *De Pauw*, James Vandenbark; *Dickinson*, J. Norman Klein; *Georgia Tech*, Robert Lee Hays, Jr.; *Hanover*, R. Maxwell Plaskett; *Idaho*, Joel L. Priest; *Illinois*, Joe C. Bailey; *Indiana*, Dick D. Heller; *Iowa*, John Hale; *Iowa State*, Ralph B. Urmy, Jr.; *Johns Hopkins*, John H. Croker; *Kansas*, Harold Burt; *Kansas State*, Harold Gilman; *Kenyon*, Harvey F. Lorenz; *Knox*, O. J. Owen; *Lehigh*, Edwin W. Keller; *Maine*, H. R. Trask; *Massachusetts Institute*, Charles M. Phelps; *Miami*, Foster Cole; *Michigan*, James A. Rice; *Minnesota*, Ralph Olson, Jr.; *Missouri*, William H. Armstrong; *Nebraska*, J. E. Whitten; *North Carolina*, Charles N. Siewers; *North Dakota*,

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1924. Mackinac Island, Mich., September 4-8.

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1925. *Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, Ont., September 1-5.*

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1926. *White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., June 29-July 2.*

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1927. *Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, Ont., August 30-September 2*

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1928. Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colo., September 4-7

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Ide, Jr.; *Miami*, Albert G. Dietz; *Michigan*, Robert K. Adams; *Minnesota*, Harry Atwood; *Mississippi*, Henry R. Wagner; *Missouri*, Lester W. Hall, Jr.; *Nebraska*, Charles W. Abbott; *North Carolina*, George Race; *North Dakota*, Paul V. Yoder; *Northwestern*, Leland S. Brown; *Ohio*, Frank Bonifield; *Ohio State*, Robert P. Gunning; *Ohio Wesleyan*, William D. Radcliff; *Oklahoma*, J. Kenneth Blackmar; *Oklahoma State*, George H. Davis; *Oregon*, Henry E. Baldrige; *Oregon State*, Robert D. Barker; *Pennsylvania*, Jennings Sudler Hood, Jr.; *Pennsylvania State*, William C. Howe; *Purdue*, Herbert A. Holmes; *Rutgers*, Charles B. Garrett; *St. Lawrence*, Howard G. Petzold; *South Dakota*, John P. McQuillen; *Stanford*, Harlow P. Rother; *Stevens*, Howard A. Somers, Jr.; *Syracuse*, Merle A. Jones; *Texas*, James M. Hancock; *Toronto*, James S. Little; *Tulane*, Herbert D. Ford; *Union*, Ralston B. Reid; *Utah*, J. Forbes Campbell; *Vanderbilt*, Samuel Y. Caldwell; *Virginia*, Hill Carter; *Wabash*, Byron K. Trippet; *Washington and Lee*, Chandler W. Gordon; *Washington (Seattle)*, Neal Fosseen; *Washington (St. Louis)*, William K. Protzmann; *Washington State*, James W. Rideout; *Washington and Jefferson*, Allan P. Tibbetts; *Wesleyan*, Arthur R. Frederick; *Western Reserve*, Arthur W. Fiske; *Westminster*, Leonard S. VanDyke; *West Virginia*, John K. Chase; *Whitman*, William H. Heers; *Williams*, C. Sherman Willmot; *Wisconsin*, James A. Curtis; *Wittenberg*, Stanley V. Wilder; *Yale*, G. Van Velsor Wolf.

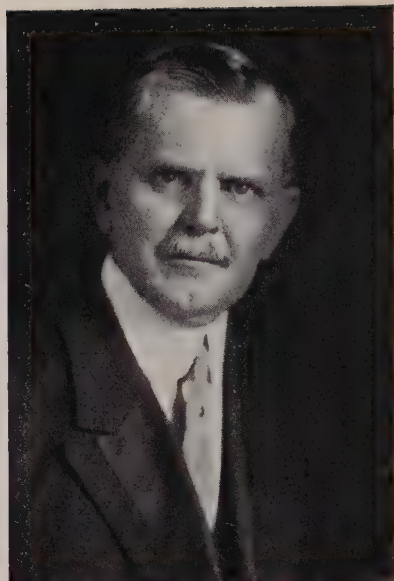
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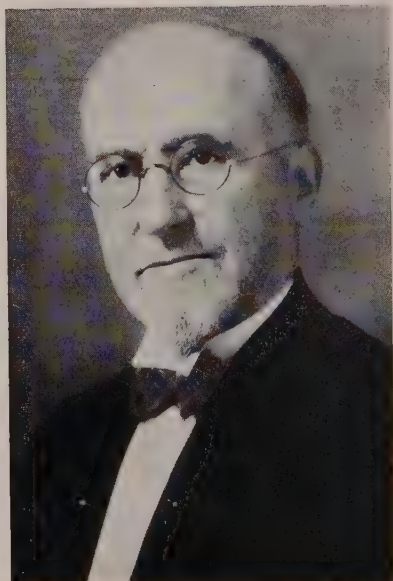
STRATFORD L. MORTON,
Washington '10
District Chief, Trustee,
Donor to the Founders' Fund



STANLEY COULTER, *Hanover '70*
Author of "As Betas
Now We Meet"



MRS. WILLIAM RAIMOND
BAIRD
Generous donor to the Founders'
Fund



ROBERT M. THOMPSON,
Minnesota '95
District Chief, Trustee, Beta Builder

CHAPTER XXVI

THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

I. THE BAIRD FUND.

THIS INDENTURE made this 7th day of September, A.D., 1920;

WITNESSETH; that

WHEREAS various members of the National Fraternity of Beta Theta Pi have given to the Fraternity the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars each, for themselves and others, in payment for life subscriptions to the Beta Theta Pi Magazine, and

WHEREAS our late brother, William Raimond Baird, during his lifetime did make a conditional contribution of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars to an endowment fund, and

WHEREAS the above condition not being complied with during his lifetime, his widow, Mrs. Baird, desiring to carry out his wishes, gave that sum as a contribution to the Baird Fund, and

WHEREAS by the laws, rules and regulations of the Fraternity, it is provided that all persons hereinafter initiated into said Fraternity shall pay said sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars as his life subscription to the Magazine, which subscription is to begin immediately after such member leaves college, (his annual dues paid to the General Treasurer of the Fraternity entitling him to the Magazine while he remains an undergraduate), and

WHEREAS it is the desire and intention of the Fraternity, its officers and members, that such of the principal of said Fund as may not be required to defray the expenses of furnishing the Magazine to the life subscribers shall remain intact, the income being used so far as possible to defray such expenses, and if the principal is reduced for such purpose, then any further available income is to be added to the principal, so that the principal sum of said Fund shall remain intact, and

WHEREAS it seems desirable that said Fund be handled under the direction, management and supervision of the Board of Trustees of said Fraternity, they having full general charge and oversight of the same, and

WHEREAS the funds so paid or contributed, and hereafter paid or contributed, to said Fund from any source whatsoever, belong to and are the sole property of said Fraternity of Beta Theta Pi, and

WHEREAS, in the opinion and judgment of the officers of said Fraternity, said Fund will best serve the interest of the Fraternity if it be made a permanent trust fund placed in the hands of trustees to be selected as hereinafter provided, and

WHEREAS James L. Gavin of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, and Francis H. Sisson of New York, in the State of New York, and James T. Brown of New York, in the State of New York, have been selected and designated as the first Trustees of said Fund and are willing to accept said trust;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar and other valuable consideration each to the other paid, and in consideration of the mutual promises each to the other made, the receipt of all of which is hereby mutually acknowledged, it is hereby mutually agreed by and between said Fraternity, acting through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter designated "THE FRATERNITY," which term shall include said Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, its successors and assigns wherever the context so admits, party of the first part, and said James L. Gavin, Francis H. Sisson and James T. Brown hereinafter designated "TRUSTEES," which term shall include said Trustees, severally and individually, their executors, administrators, heirs, assigns and successors under this trust, wherever the context so admits, party of the second part, as follows:

1. Said Fund shall always be known and designated as "THE BAIRD FUND."
2. Said Fund and all accumulations, contributions, income and other additions shall forever belong to THE FRATERNITY.

3. Said Fund shall be handled, controlled and managed for the benefit of THE FRATERNITY by the TRUSTEES, subject to the limitation and restrictions herein provided.

4. The TRUSTEES shall be subject to such regulations and rules as the Board of Trustees of said Fraternity, hereinafter designated as the "BOARD" may from

time to time make on all matters and questions not covered by this Indenture and on such matters and questions, the BOARD having absolute, full and unlimited authority in the handling, management and use of such Fund, and as full authority as though the Fund were their own individual property, modified and limited only by the terms of this Indenture or by the terms of this Indenture as changed in the manner as hereinafter provided. Nothing herein shall be construed to give the BOARD any individual ownership or beneficial use of the trust fund, either principal or income.

5. The TRUSTEES shall consist of three members of the Fraternity, one of whom shall always be its General Treasurer, and upon his retirement from office as General Treasurer of the Fraternity, his successor shall at once become his successor as a member of the Trustees.

6. The TRUSTEES herein designated shall hold office as follows: Francis H. Sisson for one year from the date hereof, James L. Gavin for the remainder of his term as General Treasurer, James T. Brown for three years from the date hereof, and each until his successor is chosen and qualified.

7. Upon the expiration of the terms of office of either Trustee other than the General Treasurer, the office shall be filled by the Board of Trustees for a term of three years.

8. Vacancies from time to time occurring in the remaining two offices as Trustees shall be filled by the BOARD, and may or may not be filled from their number. In case of a vacancy occurring between meetings of the BOARD, the President of the Fraternity may, if he thinks it advisable, temporarily fill such vacancy until the successor is appointed or elected by the BOARD. Nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent the re-election of a Trustee.

9. The TRUSTEES shall stand seized and possessed of any and all such funds and property, whether real or personal, and of whatever name or nature as the same shall now or hereafter be paid, assigned, transferred or conveyed or turned over to them, or any of them, as such Trustee or Trustees hereunder, in trust for the following uses and purposes:

(a) To hold, manage, invest and reinvest the same and collect the rents, issues, income and profits therefrom, and after deducting the expenses and charges for the management of the trust, to pay to the manager or editor or such other person, persons or corporation as the BOARD may from time to time direct, such sums at such time or times as may be required and necessary in order to defray the expenses of publishing, furnishing and delivering the Magazine to the life members entitled hereunder to the same. They may and shall use either income or principal for this purpose.

(b) In event that the expenses and disbursements incurred in connection with the furnishing of the Magazine as hereinbefore described, exceed the income received by said TRUSTEES, then and from that time on, as income is available, they shall accumulate said income until the principal of the Fund again becomes intact, that is, until any loss or excess of expense is made up.

(c) The TRUSTEES shall have full power to invest and reinvest the Fund or Funds at any time remaining in their hands, either in real or personal estate, in such proportion and in such ways as in their judgment they deem advisable, always bearing in mind the safety of the principal of the trust fund.

(d) The TRUSTEES hereunder shall have full power and authority to handle and dispose of any and all property or estates held hereunder, and no purchaser from them shall be bound to see to the application of the purchase money.

(e) It is expressly provided that any power hereunder given to the TRUSTEES shall be exercisable at any time by a majority of them for the time being, and the decision of said majority shall be final upon any question arising hereunder.

(f) The TRUSTEES shall, upon written request from the BOARD, such request having been approved by a three-fourths vote of the BOARD and being signed either by its General Treasurer or by its President or by its General Secretary, pay over and deliver to the General Treasurer of said Fraternity at any time and in such amount as may be required, requested or demanded, any or all of the surplus of income in excess of a surplus of \$5,000 not required for the furnishing of the Magazine or for keeping the principal intact as hereinbefore described, at that time on hand, or from time to time coming to their hands or possession. The order or request may be a request for a specific sum or amount, or for all of the excess above the surplus of \$5,000 or a standing order until further

notice instructing them to pay over any or all excess of income when and as received, that is, in excess of such surplus of \$5,000.

(g) The TRUSTEES shall keep full and complete books of account in which they have full records of their assets, income and disbursements, which books shall at all times be open to the BOARD, or any one of its members, or any person or persons properly authorized by them to examine said books.

(h) The actual custody of the securities and assets of said Fund, so far as practicable, shall remain in the custody and possession of the one of its members who is the General Treasurer of the Fraternity, and his bond as General Treasurer shall cover and protect the Fraternity for the faithful performance of his duties and trust.

(i) The fiscal year of said Trustees shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

(j) The BOARD may from time to time determine upon the compensation, if any, for the TRUSTEES or either or any of them. The BOARD may fix the amount or amounts and the terms upon which it shall be paid, but, however, the TRUSTEES hereunder, or either of them, shall not be entitled to any compensation for services unless the same is provided for in advance by a written agreement or some written memorandum entered into between the TRUSTEES and the BOARD.

(k) The TRUSTEES shall within thirty (30) days after the end of their fiscal year give a full financial statement to the President of the Fraternity. The TRUSTEES shall furnish the BOARD, or any member thereof, any additional reports or information which they may from time to time require.

10. Whenever there is any surplus of income as hereinbefore provided, the TRUSTEES shall use the same for the benefit of the Fraternity and its members as follows:

(a) Turn the same over to the Trustees of the Founders' Fund at such time and times as the BOARD may instruct. The written instructions of the BOARD signed by the President or by the Secretary shall be deemed sufficient authorization by the Trustees to turn over said fund to the Trustees of the Founders' Fund, and upon transfer by the Trustees to the holders of the Founders' Fund, they, the Trustees, shall be no longer liable as to the part so transferred; and

(b) In event the Founders' Fund is not in existence, the Trustees shall from time to time turn such surplus over to the BOARD upon its written request, as hereinbefore provided.

11. The general plan or scheme of this trust agreement, or the provisions affecting the payments of principal of this Fund can be changed or modified only as follows:

(a) The BOARD may by a three-fourths vote recommend to a convention of the Fraternity to be held not less than nine months from the date when said vote is passed that a change or changes be made. The BOARD shall then cause notice of the proposed change to be sent to each chapter, and then if the convention by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present approve the recommendation, the change shall be made; or

(b) A convention of the Fraternity may by a three-fourths vote recommend to the Board at a meeting of the Board to be held not less than nine months after the adjournment of the convention the change or changes to be made. The BOARD shall cause notice of such recommendation to be sent to each chapter; and then if the BOARD by a three-fourths vote of its members approve the recommendation, the change shall be made.

12. All other provisions of this trust may be changed by the BOARD at any meeting, fourteen days previous notice thereof to be given to the TRUSTEES.

13. In event for any reason this trust shall be dissolved, then the funds held hereunder, both principal and income, shall be used by the Fraternity in such way and manner as the BOARD may then direct.

14. The appointment of a new trustee or trustees shall be effective when the fact of his appointment is duly attested in writing by the President, or General Secretary and such writing is endorsed on or attached to the original Declaration of Trust and such trustee has signed the same.

15. Amendments hereto shall be effective when they are duly attested in writing

by the President, or General Secretary and such writing is endorsed on or attached to the Original Declaration of Trust.

16. This trust agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereunto set their hands and common seal on the day and date hereinbefore first mentioned, this agreement having been first approved and endorsed by the Eighty-first General Convention of Beta Theta Pi held at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, as appears by the certificate of the Committee on Finance and Corporation and the certificate of the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence, and the certificate of the President and Secretary of the Convention.

The Trustees,

JAMES L. GAVIN,
General Treasurer.

FRANCIS H. SISSON,
Trustee.

JAMES T. BROWN,
Trustee.

The Fraternity,

FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON,
President.

GEO HOWARD BRUCE,
General Secretary.

JAMES L. GAVIN,
General Treasurer.

Approved and Endorsed by the Eighty-first General Convention of Beta Theta Pi.

By CLARENCE G. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

HAROLD E. PERKINS,

FORD R. WEBER,

JAMES R. MCKELDIN,

DONALD C. MELL,

Committee on Finance and Corporation.

By W. A. HAMILTON, *Chairman,*

EARL DUNCAN MAC TAVISH,

CHESTER J. WEBB,

JOHN A. LOGAN,

E. KENNETH SMILEY,

ARTHUR L. THEXTON,

ERIC W. HALDENBY,

Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence.

By FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON,

President of the Convention.

By KENNETH ROGERS,

Secretary of the Convention.

Note—The BOARD shall, through its President, submit a report of the trust to the General Convention. Such report shall include such of the matters as are contained in a report from the TRUSTEES to the President, and such other matters as in the opinion and judgment of the BOARD from time to time seem advisable.

The BOARD shall cause the books of account of the TRUSTEES to be audited at least once each year.

The BOARD shall keep the TRUSTEES informed of the amount from time to time required from this Fund for the purposes of furnishing the Magazine as hereinbefore provided.

The BOARD shall make such further provisions as it may from time to time decide upon for the securing or collecting of additional money or contributions for the Baird Fund.

The BOARD shall make all necessary and usual arrangements for the publishing and delivering of the Magazine to the life subscribers.

II. THE FOUNDERS FUND.

A Permanent Endowment Fund in memory of the men who, throughout the history of the fraternity, have created and interpreted the ideals of Beta Theta Pi.

THIS INDENTURE made this 7th day of September, A.D., 1920;

WITNESSETH; that

WHEREAS various members of the National Fraternity of Beta Theta Pi have decided that its ideals can be further advanced by the creation of a permanent fund,

the income of which is to be used in the building up of the fraternity and in the carrying out of its ideals; and

WHEREAS our late brother, William Raimond Baird, during his lifetime did make a conditional subscription of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars to a permanent endowment fund; and

WHEREAS the above condition not being complied with during his lifetime, his widow, Mrs. Baird, desiring to carry out his wishes, made provision so to do; and

WHEREAS Brothers William Raimond Baird, *Stevens* '78; Jennie Mansfield Baird (Mrs. W. R. Baird); Stratford Lee Morton, *Washington* '10; John Roy Simpson, *Miami* '09; Alonzo Mitchell Snyder, *Kenyon* '85; Mortimer Leo Schiff, *Amherst* '96; James Reed Lane, *Iowa* '11; John Edward Good, *Kenyon* '84; Robert Hamilton Devine, *Bethany* '84 (in his memory), and Francis Wayland Shepardson, *Denison* '82 (in his honor) have made conditional subscriptions to the said fund; and

WHEREAS it seems desirable that that fund be handled under the direction, management and supervision of the Board of Trustees of said fraternity, they having full general charge and oversight of the same; and

WHEREAS the funds so paid or contributed, and hereafter paid or contributed, to said Fund from any source whatsoever, belong to and are the sole property of said Fraternity of Beta Theta Pi; and

WHEREAS in the opinion of the officers and members of said Fraternity, great benefit will accrue to the Fraternity if it has available funds, so that it can assist in the financing of chapter homes when they are built or purchased, such assistance to be given by the way of loans; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion and judgment of the officers of said Fraternity, said Fund will best serve the interest of the Fraternity if it be made a permanent trust fund placed in the hands of trustees to be selected as hereinafter provided and upon the terms and conditions as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS James L. Gavin of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, Francis H. Sisson of New York, in the State of New York, and Clarence L. Newton of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, have been selected and designated as the first Trustees of said Fund and are willing to accept said trust:

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar and other valuable consideration each to the other paid, and in consideration of the mutual promises each to the other made, the receipt of all of which is hereby mutually acknowledged, it is hereby mutually agreed by and between said Fraternity, acting through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter designated "THE FRATERNITY," which term shall include said Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, its successors and assigns wherever the context so admits, party of the first part, and said James L. Gavin, Francis H. Sisson and Clarence L. Newton hereinafter designated "TRUSTEES," which term shall include said Trustees, severally and individually, their executors, administrators, heirs, assigns and successors under this trust wherever the context so admits, party of the second part, as follows:

1. Said Fund shall always be known and designated as the "FOUNDERS' FUND."

2. Said Fund and all accumulations, contributions, income and other additions shall forever belong to THE FRATERNITY.

3. Said Fund shall be handled, controlled and managed for the benefit of THE FRATERNITY by the TRUSTEES subject to the limitations and restrictions herein provided.

4. The TRUSTEES shall be subject to such regulations and rules as the Board of Trustees of said Fraternity, hereinafter designated as the "BOARD" may from time to time make on all matters and questions not covered by this Indenture, and on such matters and subjects the BOARD having absolute, full and unlimited authority in the handling, management and use of such Fund, and as full authority as though the Fund were their own individual property, modified and limited only by the terms of this Indenture or by the terms of this Indenture as changed in the manner as hereinafter provided. Nothing herein shall be construed to give the BOARD any individual ownership or beneficial use of the trust fund, either principal or income.

5. The TRUSTEES shall consist of three members of the Fraternity, one of whom shall always be its General Treasurer, and upon his retirement from office as General Treasurer of the Fraternity, his successor shall at once become his successor as a member of the Trustees.

6. The TRUSTEES herein designated shall hold office as follows: Francis H.

Sisson for one year from the date hereof, James L. Gavin for the remainder of his term as General Treasurer, Clarence L. Newton for three years from the date hereof, and each until his successor is chosen and qualified.

7. Upon the expiration of the term of office of either Trustee other than the General Treasurer, the office shall be filled by the Board of Trustees for a term of six years, and until each successor is chosen and qualified.

8. Vacancies from time to time occurring in the remaining two offices as Trustees shall be filled by the BOARD, and may or may not be filled from their number. In case of a vacancy occurring between meetings of the BOARD, the President of the Fraternity may, if he thinks it advisable, temporarily fill such vacancy until the successor is appointed or elected by the Board. Nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent the re-election of a Trustee.

9. The TRUSTEES shall stand seized and possessed of any and all such funds and property, whether real or personal and of whatever name or nature as the same shall now or hereafter be paid, assigned, transferred or conveyed or turned over to them, or any of them, as such trustee or trustees hereunder, in trust for the following uses and purposes:

(a) To hold, manage, invest and reinvest the same and collect the rents, issues, income and profits therefrom, and after deducting the expenses and charges for the management of the trust, to pay such person, or persons or corporation as the BOARD may from time to time direct, such sums at such time or times as may be required by them.

(b) The TRUSTEES shall have full power to invest and reinvest the fund or funds at any time remaining in their hands, either in real or personal estate, in such proportion and in such ways as in their judgment they deem advisable, always bearing in mind the safety of the principal of the trust fund. It shall be deemed a proper investment of these funds if the TRUSTEES loan the same to a chapter of this fraternity for the purpose of building a fraternity house or in any way to assist in the securing or paying for a chapter home or house. They shall have the widest latitude and discretion in making these loans but with these limitations, however: The loan shall be made on such terms as to reasonably insure its being repaid to the TRUSTEES by such chapter or its alumni. A fair rate of interest shall be charged. The TRUSTEES shall endeavor to find security for the repayment of said loan or loans by taking a mortgage or lien upon the chapter house and other property, and possibly by requiring that the alumni and undergraduate members of such chapter be required to put themselves under legal obligation to the TRUSTEES for the repayment of said loan.

(c) The TRUSTEES hereunder shall have full power and authority to handle and dispose of any and all property or estates held hereunder, and no purchaser from them shall be bound to see to the application of the purchase money.

(d) It is expressly provided that any power hereunder given to the TRUSTEES shall be exercisable at any time by a majority of them for the time being, and the decision of said majority shall be final upon any question arising hereunder.

(e) The TRUSTEES shall keep full and complete books of account in which they have full records of their assets, income and disbursements, which books shall at all time be open to the BOARD, or any one of its members, or any person or persons properly authorized by them to examine said books.

(f) The actual custody of the securities and assets of said Fund shall, so far as practicable, remain in the custody and possession of the one of its members who is the General Treasurer of the Fraternity, and his bond as General Treasurer shall cover and protect the Fraternity for the faithful performance of his duties and trust.

(g) The fiscal year of said TRUSTEES shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

(h) The BOARD may from time to time determine upon the compensation, if any, for the TRUSTEES or either or any of them. The BOARD may fix the amount or amounts and the terms upon which it shall be paid, but, however, the TRUSTEES hereunder, or either of them, shall not be entitled to any compensation for services unless the same is provided for in advance by a written agreement or some written memorandum entered into between the TRUSTEES and the BOARD.

(i) The TRUSTEES shall within thirty (30) days after the end of their

fiscal year give a full financial statement to the President of the Fraternity. The TRUSTEES shall furnish the BOARD, or any member thereof, any additional reports or information which they may from time to time require.

10. Whenever there is any surplus of income as hereinbefore provided, the BOARD shall use the same for the benefit of the Fraternity and its members along one or more of the following general lines:

(a) To assist chapters in owning comfortable, attractive and desirable houses or homes.

(b) To assist chapters in having their chapter houses properly and comfortably furnished.

(c) To assist worthy and needy undergraduate members of the Fraternity to secure an education. It is recommended, however, that this be done on a strictly business basis, giving aid by making loans to the members on terms reasonably insuring repayment.

(d) In unusual instances, to aid any worthy and needy member of the Fraternity.

(e) To offer prizes, scholarships or cups, or anything of such nature, for the purpose of promoting the ideals and accomplishments of the Fraternity.

(f) To furnish additional fraternity literature, books, pamphlets or magazines for the benefit of the Fraternity members.

(g) If, at any time, the FRATERNITY or its officers decide that additional officer or officers are desirable in order to complete more fully its organization, and if there are incidental expenses or disbursements in connection with said office, to defray the same.

(h) To add additional features or attractions to the general convention or to district reunions.

(i) For any other special or general purposes in connection with said FRATERNITY, its officers and members.

11. The general plan or scheme of this trust agreement can be changed or modified only as follows:

(a) The BOARD by a three-fourths vote may recommend to a convention of the fraternity to be held not less than nine months from the date when said vote is passed that a change or changes be made. The BOARD shall then cause notice of the proposed change to be sent to each chapter, and then if the convention by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present approve the recommendation, the change shall be made; or

(b) A convention of the Fraternity may by a three-fourths vote recommend to the Board at a meeting of the Board to be held not less than nine months after the adjournment of the convention the change or changes to be made. The BOARD shall cause notice of such recommendation to be sent to each chapter; and then if the BOARD by a three-fourths vote of its members approve the recommendation the change shall be made.

12. All other provisions of this trust may be changed by the BOARD at any meeting, fourteen days' previous notice thereof to be given to the TRUSTEES.

13. In event for any reason this trust shall be dissolved, then the funds held hereunder, both principal and income, shall be used by the Fraternity in such way and manner as the BOARD may then direct.

14. In event at any time and for any reason the Fraternity of Beta Theta Pi shall be dissolved, and without having first disposed of this Fund or made provision for its disposition, then any balance of the Trust, either principal or income, shall be disposed of in a manner to promote education and good citizenship among young men in the United States and Canada.

15. The appointment of a new trustee or trustees shall be effective when the fact of his appointment is duly attested in writing by the President, or General Secretary and such writing is endorsed on or attached to the original Declaration of Trust and such trustee has signed the same.

16. Amendments hereto shall be effective when they are duly attested in writing by the President, or General Secretary and such writing is endorsed on or attached to the original Declaration of Trust.

17. This trust agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto set their hands and common seal on the day and date hereinbefore mentioned, this agreement having been first approved and endorsed by the Eighty-first General Convention of Beta Theta Pi held at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, as appears by the certificate of the Committee on Finance and Corporation and the certificate of the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence, and the certificate of the President and Secretary of the Convention.

The Trustees,

JAMES L. GAVIN,
General Treasurer.

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Secretary of the Convention.

Note—The BOARD shall, through its President, submit a report of the trust to each General Convention of the Fraternity. Such report shall include such of the matters as are contained in a report from the TRUSTEES to the President, and such other matters as in the opinion and judgment of the BOARD from time to time seem advisable.

The BOARD shall cause the books of account of the TRUSTEES to be audited at least once each year.

The BOARD shall make such further provisions as it may from time to time decide upon for the securing or collecting of additional money or contributions for the Founders' Fund.

CHAPTER XXVII

THE CODE OF BETA THETA PI

I. THE CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE.

For the better accomplishment of the objects and designs of Beta Theta Pi, a fraternity established by John Reily Knox, Samuel Taylor Marshall, David Linton, James George Smith, Charles Henry Hardin, John Holt Duncan, Michael Clarkson Ryan, and Thomas Boston Gordon, of ever honored memory, at Miami University, in the State of Ohio, in the month of July, 1839, and now organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the General Convention of Beta Theta Pi, assembled at Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays in the Province of Ontario, Canada, on the twenty-ninth day of August, 1929, adopts the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

Section 1.—The name of this fraternity is Beta Theta Pi.

Section 2.—It shall be constituted as hereinafter provided and shall have for its objects the promotion of the moral and social culture of its members, the establishment of confidence and friendly relations among the universities and colleges of the United States and Canada, in securing unity of action and sympathy in matters of common interest among them, and the building up of a fraternity that recognizes mutual assistance in the honorable labors and aspirations of life, devotion to the cultivation of the intellect, unsullied friendship, and unfaltering fidelity, as objects worthy the highest aim and purpose of associated effort.

ARTICLE II.

CHAPTERS—THEIR ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.—The fraternity shall consist of chapters already established, and such as may hereafter be established in universities and colleges of good standing and repute. Chapters shall be known and designated by such names as their charters shall prescribe. All chapters of Beta Theta Pi in good standing shall have equal rights in the fraternity. All active members in good standing shall have equal rights, in their respective chapters. The transfer of active members from one chapter to another may be regulated by law. Should a chapter become inactive, its designation and its position on the roll of chapters shall remain intact, and its records and archives shall be transmitted to the General Secretary.

Section 2.—Chapters of Beta Theta Pi shall be established only upon the petition in writing of not less than five undergraduate members of some regularly incorporated university or college. The character and qualifications of such petitioners must be vouched for by at least two members of the fraternity, and the establishment of a chapter at the place named in the petition recommended by at least two of the three chapters situated nearest the location of the proposed new chapter.

Such petition with such information regarding the character and standing of the applicants and the reputation and resources of the institution at which it is proposed to establish a chapter as may be required by the General Secretary, shall be filed with that officer, who shall transmit the same to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall make such investigation of the facts and circumstances as it deems advisable, and after at least four of the six members of the Board of Trustees have voted in favor of granting the charter, shall submit the said petition to the next General Convention for its action thereon; and if such convention, by an unanimous vote of all the chapters represented therein, or by a vote of at least three-fourths of all the chapters of the fraternity, shall so direct, a charter shall issue to the petitioners named in the application, by authority of which they shall be constituted a chapter of Beta Theta Pi; Provided, however, that the General Secretary shall duly notify all the chapters of the

proposed submission of such application for a new chapter, at least three months previous to the date of meeting of the convention which is to take action thereon.

Section 3.—During the recess of the General Convention, if, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, upon a full knowledge of all the facts, special and extraordinary reasons exist for the establishment of a chapter prior to the next meeting of the General Convention, the General Secretary shall submit the application therefor, to be made in all particulars as provided in Section 2, to the consideration of the chapters, together with a full statement of such special and extraordinary reasons and of such facts and arguments both favorable and unfavorable to the granting of the charter as have been presented to him, and if upon such submission, three-fourths of the chapters shall vote in favor of granting such application, then a charter shall issue, and the new chapter may be duly established and organized under the direction of the General Secretary.

Section 4.—Charters shall be transmitted by the General Secretary to some discreet and suitable member to be selected by the President, who shall be authorized to initiate the petitioners, give them the necessary instructions for the proper execution of the work of the fraternity, open and establish the proposed new chapter, and place such charter in its keeping. The charter of any chapter may be revoked or recalled by the same vote of the General Convention required for its issue.

Section 5.—Charters shall be signed by the President and General Secretary of the fraternity, and attested by the Great Seal of the fraternity.

Section 6.—Each chapter shall have jurisdiction over all members of the fraternity matriculated and registered in the institution where it is located, whether they be members initiated by such chapter or not, provided, however, such jurisdiction shall not exclude the jurisdiction of the Convention (Article III, Section 4) and of the Board of Trustees (Article V, Section 1); each chapter may make such regulations and adopt such order of business as it may deem expedient, provided they be not inconsistent with this Constitution and Laws of the fraternity.

Section 7.—In any matter affecting his rights or standing in Beta Theta Pi, any member may appeal from the action of any chapter, or of any officer, to the Board of Trustees, and from the decision of the Board of Trustees to the General Convention, in such manner as may be provided by law.

Section 8.—Ordinary meetings of the chapter shall be held with closed doors, but such restriction may be removed by vote of the chapter in case of anniversaries or celebrations.

Section 9.—Chapters must observe in all respects the rules and regulations of the institutions in which they are located, and must demand strict loyalty and obedience on the part of their members to the university or college authorities.

Section 10.—No person shall become a member of the fraternity, being a member of any similar association, nor unless he shall be a regularly matriculated and registered student, undergraduate or graduate, in the institution in which the chapter electing and initiating him is located; and then not until the chapter to which his name shall be proposed shall have expressed its confidence in his character and qualifications by electing him by unanimous vote of its active members.

Section 11.—No person who has been expelled from the fraternity shall again become a member thereof except by a majority vote of the General Convention.

Section 12.—No member of the fraternity may resign his active membership in any chapter of the fraternity while he continues a student in the institution wherein said chapter is situated, and still retain his membership in the fraternity at large, except by special authority from the Board of Trustees.

Section 13.—No member of the fraternity shall be permitted to become a member of any similar college fraternity; and if any member joins such other fraternity his name shall be immediately dropped from the rolls of Beta Theta Pi.

Section 14.—Alumni associations of the fraternity may be organized under such regulations and at such places as may be provided by law.

ARTICLE III

THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Section 1.—The supreme legislative authority of the fraternity shall be vested in a General Convention, to consist of delegates elected by the several chapters and by the several alumni associations. The General Convention shall hold its sessions annually, as shall be provided by law. Special conventions may be held upon the call of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2.—Each chapter and each alumni association shall be entitled to one delegate and to one vote in the convention in all matters except the granting and revoking of charters and the election of general officers of the fraternity, on which only delegates of chapters shall be eligible to vote. Such delegates shall at the time of their election be active members of the chapters or members of the alumni associations they represent. Any regularly elected delegate may, in case of inability to attend any session of the convention, give his proxy to another active member of the same chapter or to another member of the same alumni association.

Section 3.—In determining questions by the convention, any member thereof may demand a vote by chapters and by alumni associations except as provided in Section 2 of this article.

Section 4.—The General Convention shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters not especially reserved to the chapters by the provisions of this Constitution, subject to disapproval, however, as hereinafter provided. It shall also have jurisdiction over the conduct of all members of the fraternity, both active and alumni, while they are in attendance at a General Convention, with power to apply any discipline short of expulsion from the fraternity. It shall pass laws for the government of the fraternity. It may establish such offices not herein provided for as may be found expedient.

Section 5.—The General Convention shall cause its proceedings to be published and sent to the chapters as soon as possible after its adjournment and all actions of the General Convention shall thereupon be in full force and effect; provided, however, that if, within three months after the transmission of such proceedings, one-half or more of the chapters shall have filed with the General Secretary notice of their disapproval of any action, or any part thereof, the action so disapproved shall be inoperative and void.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1.—The general officers of the fraternity shall be a President, a General Secretary, a General Treasurer, and three other Trustees, who, together, shall constitute the Board of Trustees.

Section 2.—The general officers shall be elected by the General Convention, and shall hold office for a term of three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 3.—The President of the fraternity shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Trustees. He shall sign all charters and designate discreet persons to institute new chapters. He shall sign all documents required to be executed by or on behalf of the fraternity.

Section 4.—The General Secretary, subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees, shall have supervision of the college chapters, with all that pertains to them, and the entire charge of the correspondence, records, reports and publications of the fraternity, except as otherwise provided by law, and of the official roll of the chapters. He shall perform such other duties as shall be provided by law. He shall make a report to the General Convention of the affairs of his department.

Section 5.—The General Treasurer shall collect and hold the funds of the fraternity and pay out the same under appropriations by the General Convention. He shall present an annual report, properly audited by certified public accountants, together with his books and vouchers, to the Board of Trustees. Before entering upon his duties he shall give bond in a sum and with security to be approved by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1.—The powers, business, and property of the fraternity shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by the Board of Trustees, subject to the laws of the fraternity and the orders of the General Convention. It shall elect persons to fill offices made vacant until the meeting of the next General Convention following. It shall hear and determine appeals from the decision of any chapter or officer and in case of appeal from its own decision, shall transmit the record and report of the case to the next General Convention. The Board may at any time require a report from any officer or chapter in the fraternity. It shall canvass and publish the votes of chapters upon amendments to or the repeal of the Constitution. It may, for good cause shown, report to the Convention, to be stricken from the roll of the fraternity, the name of any member.

Section 2.—The Board shall hold stated meetings at such times as it may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time upon call of the President of the fraternity. He shall be required to call a meeting upon the request of any two members of the Board.

Section 3.—The Board shall cause to be transmitted to each General Convention the annual report of the General Treasurer for the preceding fiscal year, together with an estimate of expense for the succeeding fiscal year, and a report of its own proceedings since the adjournment of the last General Convention.

ARTICLE VI.

THE FINANCES.

Section 1.—The General Convention shall have power to raise money by the levy of assessments and annual dues upon the chapters, and no chapter in arrears for such dues or assessments shall be entitled to representation at the General Convention.

Section 2.—The fiscal year shall close with the month of June.

Section 3.—The General Convention shall have power to establish endowment, building, or other permanent funds, and to provide by law for the investment thereof, and the use of the income arising therefrom.

ARTICLE VII.

AMENDMENTS

Section 1.—This Constitution may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of any General Convention; provided, that such amendment or repeal be concurred in within three months after publication of the proceedings of such General Convention, by the votes, deposited with the General Secretary, of two-thirds of the chapters.

II. THE LAWS

CHAPTER I.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Section 1.—The General Convention of the fraternity, hereinafter in these Laws called the Convention, shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2.—The Convention shall consist of delegates, elected by the several chapters, and by the alumni associations.

Section 3.—Each chapter and each alumni association shall be entitled to one delegate and to one vote in the Convention in all matters except the granting and revoking of charters and the election of general officers of the fraternity, on which only delegates of chapters shall be eligible to vote. Such delegates shall be active members of the chapters or members of the alumni associations they represent.

Section 4.—No chapter in arrears for annual dues, general fraternity membership fees, or Baird Fund membership fees shall be entitled to representation in the Convention.

Section 5.—No chapter whose charter is suspended or temporarily in the keeping of the Board of Trustees, or whose active membership consists of less than three persons shall be placed upon the roll of the Convention or be permitted a vote therein.

Section 6.—On or before April first of each year, each chapter shall elect its delegate to the Convention, and one or more alternates. The railroad fare of the delegate shall be paid by the fraternity. The chapter secretary shall send to the General Treasurer official notice of such election and shall give him the names and addresses of the delegate and alternates so elected. In case such delegate or his address is changed before the time set for the Convention, the secretary shall send the General Treasurer prompt notification thereof.

Section 7.—The General Treasurer shall prepare a form of credentials for the use of the chapters in accrediting delegates to the Convention, and this, together with the receipt of the General Treasurer showing that the chapter's annual dues, general fraternity membership fees and Baird Fund membership fees have been paid, shall constitute the complete credentials of said delegates.

Section 8.—Any regularly elected chapter delegate may, in case of inability to attend the Convention or any session thereof, give his proxy to another active member of the same chapter; provided, however, that said proxy shall (except in cases of emergency which may be passed upon by the Committee on Credentials and Permanent Organiza-

tion) be given to a regularly elected alternate; and provided, further, that any chapter, if notified that its delegate is unable to attend the Convention, may elect another of its active members in the place of such delegate.

Section 9.—The Convention, having met pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, shall be called to order by the General Secretary, if that officer be present, or if not, then by the delegate of the oldest chapter represented.

Section 10.—The proceedings of the Convention shall be opened with prayer.

Section 11.—A temporary chairman and a temporary secretary shall then be selected by the Convention, to serve until a permanent organization is effected.

Section 12.—As preliminary to permanent organization, the temporary chairman shall appoint a Committee on Credentials and Permanent Organization, to consist, so far as practicable, of one delegate from each District represented.

Section 13.—The Committee on Credentials and Permanent Organization shall nominate the following officers of the Convention: President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, one or more Assistant Secretaries, a Marshal, one or more Assistant Marshals, and a Chorister, and report the same to the Convention. After its report, other nominations may be made from the floor before the vote to confirm the report is taken.

Section 14.—The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretaries shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers subject to the orders of the Convention and the requirements of the Constitution and Laws.

Section 15.—The Secretaries shall prepare the proceedings for publication in the fraternity magazine, and for this service they shall receive such compensation as the Convention may determine. Immediately after adjournment of the Convention a complete certified transcript of its proceedings shall be transmitted by the secretaries to the General Secretary and a second copy thereof to the magazine editor for publication.

Section 16.—The Marshals shall have charge of the approaches to the Convention while in session; shall preserve order under the direction of the presiding officer; shall have a care that none not duly qualified enter or without permission retire; shall make and publish all official proclamations, and form and conduct all necessary processions.

Section 17.—The Chorister shall lead the singing of the Convention.

Section 18.—As soon as practicable after the permanent organization of the Convention the President shall appoint the following standing committees:

1. On Constitution and Jurisprudence, to consist of not less than seven members.
2. On Finance, to consist of not less than three members.
3. On Chapters, to consist so far as practicable of at least one member from each District represented, who may be assigned as desired to subdivisions of this committee.
4. On Charters, to consist, so far as practicable, of one member from each District represented.
5. In Nomination of General Officers, to consist of five members.
6. On Miscellaneous Affairs, to consist of not less than nine members.
7. On Fraternity Magazine, to consist of not less than three members.
8. On Press, to consist of not less than three members.

Section 19.—Special committees may be appointed by the presiding officer at the pleasure of the Convention.

Section 20.—Parliamentary rules, as contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Convention, except in cases where such rules are in conflict with the Constitution or the Laws of the fraternity.

Section 21.—Delegates from at least fifty chapters shall be required to form a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may meet and adjourn the Convention from day to day.

Section 22.—All committee reports and resolutions intended for the consideration of the Convention must be in writing, and duly signed, and must be sent to the Secretary's desk before action can be had thereon.

Section 23.—Every proposed law shall have a brief title showing its object and by whom it is proposed, and shall begin with the words, "Be it enacted by the . . . General Convention of Beta Theta Pi."

Section 24.—Each provision of every proposed law shall be drawn in a distinct paragraph.

Section 25.—All resolutions shall be referred to the appropriate standing committee for consideration and report.

Section 26.—All reports of standing committees shall be in writing, and, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention, shall be published in the minutes.

Section 27.—While in committee of the whole upon the condition of the fraternity the presiding officer shall call a member of the Convention to the chair. Any member present, whether a delegate or not, shall have the privilege of speaking upon the subjects under consideration. The motion to rise and report will always be in order; but the previous question, or any other privileged motion, shall not be entertained.

Section 28.—The roll shall be called at least once during each session at the order of the President. The absentees shall be noted and their names shall be published in the minutes of the Convention.

Section 29.—The first order of business on the third day of the Convention shall be the election of general officers of the fraternity.

Section 30.—Elections of general officers shall be by ballot, under the supervision of tellers appointed by the presiding officer. Each chapter represented shall cast one vote. A majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary to an election.

Section 31.—The following shall be the order of proceedings at each session of the Convention:

- Reading and approval of minutes of previous session.
- Reports from the Board of Trustees and the general officers.
- Reports of standing committees, in order.
- Reports of special committees.
- Petitions and communications.
- Motions and resolutions.
- Miscellaneous business.
- Roll call.
- Recess or adjournment.

CHAPTER II.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Section 32.—The charter of any chapter may, by direction of any General Convention, be placed in the keeping of the Board of Trustees, to be used under its supervision.

Section 33.—If any officer or trustee of the fraternity be guilty of any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the fraternity, he may be removed by the Board of Trustees upon due notice. Offices made vacant by death, resignation or removal may be filled by the Board of Trustees until the meeting of the next General Convention.

Section 34.—On or before the first day of April in each year the Board of Trustees shall select the time and place for the General Convention; and shall send an official notification of such selection to each active chapter and alumni association not later than the fifteenth day of April following.

Section 35.—The Board of Trustees shall be authorized to designate as Vice-Presidents the three trustees not holding the offices of President, General Secretary and General Treasurer, with duties to be assigned by the Board of Trustees.

Section 36.—The Board of Trustees shall choose annually an editor and business manager for the magazine.

Section 37.—The editor, the business manager and the publication of the magazine shall be under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees.

Section 38.—The Board of Trustees shall have original jurisdiction in all cases of discipline of members no longer in college and in cases not otherwise provided for. The Board of Trustees shall have jurisdiction also in cases of discipline of active members when charges are filed against them by a general officer of the fraternity or by a member especially designated by the Board of Trustees to investigate, such members being entitled to representation by member counsel. The authority of the Board shall extend to suspension or expulsion from the fraternity, subject to appeal to the General Convention.

Section 39.—In all cases of discipline provided for in Section 38 hereof, a copy of the charges preferred shall be sent by registered mail to the accused, who shall be given opportunity to present his defense personally or by affidavit, and who shall be entitled to representation by member counsel. In cases where service of such charges by registered mail fails, publication in two successive issues of the fraternity magazine of a notice stating that such charges have been preferred shall be deemed sufficient notice.

Section 40.—Alumni Associations of the fraternity may be organized with the approval of the Board of Trustees, and the General Secretary shall cause a list showing such associations and their secretaries to be published in the fraternity magazine.

CHAPTER III.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

Section 41.—The General Secretary, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, shall divide the fraternity into such territorial districts as he may deem advisable for efficiency of administration.

Section 42.—The General Secretary, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, shall appoint over each District an assistant, called District Chief, who shall have supervision of all chapters within his District, subject to the authority of the General Secretary.

Section 43.—Each District Chief shall make such reports as may be called for by the General Secretary.

Section 44.—The official roll of each chapter shall be kept by the General Secretary. He shall put upon the roll no names save those officially reported upon the forms prescribed; and the name of no new member shall be entered by him upon the roll until after official certification by the General Treasurer, that the fee of ten dollars, required for membership in the Baird Fund, and the general fraternity membership fee of ten dollars required from each initiate, have been paid. He shall cancel in red ink upon the roll the names of all persons of whose expulsion or resignation he may receive official notice, without striking out the number assigned, which thereafter shall remain blank, succeeding numbers not being changed; he shall write after such names the words "expelled" or "resigned," with the date.

Section 45.—The General Secretary shall keep a special roll, not for publication, of all persons who have ceased to be members of the fraternity by resignation or expulsion, or who for any reason have been dropped from the roll, with a concise statement of the facts in each case.

Section 46.—The annual reports of the chapters, together with such other matter as may be deemed of general interest, edited under the supervision of the General Secretary, shall be published as a special number of the magazine, called The Year Book. It shall be sent to each member of the fraternity who may make request therefor.

CHAPTER IV.

THE GENERAL TREASURER.

Section 47.—All money due the fraternity shall be paid directly to the General Treasurer, who is authorized to receive and receipt for the same, and he shall keep a separate account for each fund in his possession, and shall report to the Board of Trustees, at such time as it shall designate, all the financial transactions of the fiscal year preceding.

Section 48.—The annual dues, general fraternity membership fees, and the Baird Fund membership fees shall be paid to the General Treasurer by the respective chapters, as hereinafter provided.

Section 49.—The General Treasurer shall deposit the funds of the fraternity to his account as such treasurer in a bank or other depository selected by himself, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Section 50.—The General Treasurer shall be, ex-officio, a Trustee of the Baird Fund of Beta Theta Pi.

Section 51.—The General Treasurer shall be, ex-officio, a Trustee of the Founders Fund of Beta Theta Pi.

Section 52.—The General Treasurer, as provided for by the Constitution of the fraternity, shall give bond in such amount and with such security as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Section 53.—The General Treasurer, at least two weeks before any General Convention, shall send to the delegate designated by each chapter which has paid its annual dues, general fraternity membership fees, and Baird Fund membership fees, a check for his estimated railway fare to such Convention.

Section 54.—The General Treasurer shall pay the expenses of officers of the fraternity incurred in the transaction of fraternity business and of any other member of the fraternity deputized by the Board of Trustees or the General Convention to do special work for the fraternity.

Section 55.—If any of the checks referred to in Section 53 are not used for the purpose for which they are intended, they shall be returned to the General Treasurer.

CHAPTER V.

THE FRATERNITY MAGAZINE

Section 56.—The fraternity shall publish a magazine or periodical under the name "Beta Theta Pi," which title may be printed in Greek letters.

Section 57.—Each active chapter shall be entitled to receive for every active member whose full annual dues have been paid to the General Treasurer, one copy of the magazine.

Section 58.—Each member of the fraternity who pays at one time the sum of ten dollars to the Baird Fund of Beta Theta Pi shall be entitled to receive the magazine for life.

Section 59.—A full directory of the general and other officers of the fraternity, as well as a complete list of active chapters and alumni associations, with the names and addresses of their secretaries, shall be published in each number of the magazine.

Section 60.—The Minutes of the Convention and The Year Book shall each be published as a special number of the magazine.

Section 61.—A petition presented to the fraternity from a local organization seeking a charter for a chapter shall be prepared under the supervision of the editor of the magazine and shall be printed in the general style of the magazine. In each instance the expense of such printing shall be borne by the petitioning body.

CHAPTER VI.

SEALS AND EMBLEMS.

Section 62.—A standard badge, flag, coat of arms, great seal, colors, pledge button and shingle shall be adopted by the General Convention.

Section 63.—The badge of the fraternity shall be an eight-sided shield, with concavely curved sides. The face shall be of black enamel, bearing, first, three five-pointed stars of gold, placed in a horizontal line; second, a brilliant diamond, encircled by a laurel wreath of greenish gold; third, the Greek capitals Beta Theta Pi, of gold; and fourth, the date of the foundation of the fraternity in the Greek notation, of gold, Alpha Omega Lambda Theta. On the reverse side shall be engraved the letter or letters of the owner's chapter, clasped hands, the owner's name and the date of his initiation. Each chapter shall furnish a standard badge to each initiate when he is obligated.

Section 64.—The flag shall consist of three equal horizontal stripes of blue, white and blue, the upper blue stripe bearing a single white five-pointed star, and the lower blue stripe two similar stars, the three stars forming an equilateral triangle about a red dragon sejant upon a white and red torse, the fraternity crest.

Section 65.—The coat of arms of the fraternity shall be: Quarterly argent and gules; a chevron azure bearing three mullets or.

Crest, a dragon sejant or.

Motto: —kai—

[Note: The coat of arms is a development of Beta symbols on the lines of heraldry, and was adopted by the Convention of 1897. For the benefit of any who may find it inconvenient to look them up, an explanation is given of the heraldic terms: A coat of arms is regularly upon a spade-shaped or triangular shield. The surface of the shield is divided vertically and horizontally into four quarters, the colors of which are these: First quarter, silver or white (argent); second, red (gules); third, silver or white; fourth, red. The chevron is V-shaped, point upward, and is frequently seen on heraldic shields and on the sleeves of military uniforms. This is "azure," i.e., blue. Upon this are three stars (mulletts) in gold (or). The crest or piece above the shield is a dragon in gold, seated and with wings raised. The motto needs no explanation.]

Section 66.—The Great Seal of the Fraternity shall be the coat of arms with the crest and motto, upon two rose sprigs, within a circular band, on which shall be the legend, "THE GREAT SEAL OF BETA THETA PI—1839."

Section 67.—Each active chapter, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, shall adopt a coat of arms and a chapter seal.

Section 68.—The chapter coat of arms shall consist of the fraternity crest, the fraternity shield with the following changes—for the parent chapter the shield without change, for each of the next nine chapters in order of establishment the fraternity shield differenced by the heraldic mark of cadency, for each of the remaining chapters the fraternity shield charged in the first quarter with a device to indicate the chapter,

and the motto which in each case shall consist of Greek words whose initials are the Greek name of the chapter.

Section 69.—The chapter seal shall consist of an equilateral triangle enclosing three stars, clasped hands, and the Greek letter or letters designating the chapter name, all within a circle and the chapter name in the following form: Miami University, Alpha of Beta Theta Pi.

Section 70.—The shingle of the fraternity shall be a plain white card six inches in width and eight inches from top to bottom, displaying in the center of the upper portion the coat of arms of the fraternity engraved in black, across the middle the member's full name in Old English and the date of his initiation in similar characters, but smaller, in the lower left-hand corner the chapter seal in red wax.

Section 71.—The pledge button of the fraternity shall be a shield of white enamel, of the same shape as the badge, bearing three five-pointed stars of gold arranged in a line running from the upper left-hand corner to the lower right-hand corner as one faces the pledge button.

Section 72.—The colors of the fraternity shall be pink and blue, in delicate shades.

Section 73.—The hat band of the fraternity shall be a band of black field with two stripes, one of blue above and one of pink below, not more than one-half inch apart.

Section 74.—The use of the official badge of the fraternity shall be limited to the pin, the same to be worn over the heart and beneath the coat. A member of the fraternity shall permit none but his mother, wife, daughter, sister or fiancé to wear the official badge. The marking of hats, caps, sweaters, or other wearing apparel with any emblem of the fraternity is prohibited. The use of all emblems of the fraternity (except the badge) shall be permitted on jewelry, stationery and novelties.

CHAPTER VII.

THE CHAPTERS.

Section 75.—The full name of each chapter shall be in the following form: The Miami Chapter, the Alpha of Beta Theta Pi; the University of Michigan Chapter, the Lambda of Beta Theta Pi; the St. Lawrence Chapter, the Beta Zeta of Beta Theta Pi.

Section 76.—The officers of each chapter shall be a president, a recorder, a secretary, an alumni secretary, a treasurer, a librarian, and such other officers as the respective chapters may elect.

Section 77.—The president and other officers of each chapter shall perform the usual duties of such officers, together with such other duties as the chapter may require of them.

Section 78.—The treasurer shall promptly collect all dues and assessments levied by the chapter or by the Convention. He shall keep accurate account thereof in accordance with the uniform accounting system of the fraternity; provided, however, the Board of Trustees may give permission for the use of any other accounting system which it shall approve.

Section 79.—The books of the chapter treasurer or those of other chapter officers handling money shall at all times be open to the inspection and audit of the General Treasurer, the District Chief, or other properly accredited fraternity official or the General Convention.

Section 80.—The recorder of the chapter shall keep a faithful record of all meetings and proceedings of the chapter and preserve, in order and for reference, all records, reports and other documents of importance.

Section 81.—The permanent records of the chapter shall be kept in a record book which shall be open to the inspection of the members of the chapter, the general officers, the District Chief and the General Convention.

Section 82.—The secretary of the chapter shall promptly conduct the official correspondence, with the help of such assistants as the chapter may appoint.

Section 83.—It shall be the duty of the secretary, as soon as elected, to notify the General Secretary of his election, and also to furnish promptly to the General Secretary the names of all officers of the chapter as soon as elected.

Section 84.—It shall be the duty of the secretary to send to the General Treasurer within ten days after registration in the institution where the chapter is located, the annual dues of each active member; and further, to notify the General Treasurer of any additions to the chapter roll within ten days after registration, initiation or affiliation.

Section 85.—It shall be the duty of the secretary to send to the General Treasurer within ten days after initiation the notice of admission, the annual dues, the general fraternity membership fee, and the Baird Fund membership fee of each initiate, and within ten days of date of affiliation, the notice of admission and annual dues of each affiliate.

Section 86.—It shall be the duty of the secretary, on receipt of special instructions from the General Secretary, to send to that officer a chapter report prepared according to such instructions.

Section 87.—It shall be the duty of the secretary promptly to make out and forward to their destinations such other reports, statements and notices as may be called for by the General Secretary or by the District Chief.

Section 88.—It shall be the duty of the secretary to familiarize himself with the directory published in the fraternity magazine, and with the Constitution and Laws of the fraternity; to follow carefully and promptly all instructions from the General Secretary, the Board of Trustees, and the District Chief; to keep careful watch of the chapter's roll of members; to report to the General Secretary each suspension, expulsion or resignation from the fraternity; to keep the General Secretary informed of all matters of special importance affecting the condition of the chapter or the relations among members, as well as the general interests of the fraternity, or its relation to other fraternities, and to do such work of similar general character as may be required of him by the chapter or by the General Secretary.

Section 89.—It shall be the duty of each secretary to report promptly to the editor of the fraternity magazine all items of interest relating to the welfare, progress and contemporary history of his chapter, and to answer promptly all letters sent to him by the editor.

Section 90.—It shall be the duty of the alumni secretary to keep a careful record of the names and addresses of the alumni of the chapter. He shall carry on all correspondence necessary to keep the alumni informed regarding conditions in the chapter. He shall have as special duties the editing of the chapter annual letter to the alumni and the correction and completion of the individual alumni records in the official roll book.

Section 91.—The librarian shall be the custodian of all books, pamphlets, periodicals and other documents of a permanent character, including the filed correspondence and records belonging to the chapter. He shall see to it that all records, correspondence, books, and such documents as require it are bound and properly cared for.

Section 92.—Each chapter shall keep a roll, in the uniform official roll book of the fraternity, with entries in the order of initiation or transfer, beginning with the charter members. A number once assigned to a member shall not thereafter be changed.

Section 93.—The name of an alumnus of a petitioning body which has been granted a charter shall not appear in the catalogue of the fraternity until he has been duly initiated into Beta Theta Pi.

Section 94.—When a member of a chapter who is in good standing leaves the institution where the chapter is situated, the secretary shall, at his request, give him a certificate in the following form:

Oxford, Ohio, August 8, 1839.

This is to certify that JOHN REILY KNOX is a member in good standing of the Miami Chapter, the Alpha of Beta Theta Pi, having been initiated on the fourth day of July, 1839, and having been assigned number 1 on the official roll of the chapter.

JOHN HOLT DUNCAN, *President*

JAMES GEORGE SMITH, *Secretary*.

Section 95.—When such a member matriculates and registers in another institution in which there is a chapter of the fraternity, he may become an active member of such chapter, provided that the chapter shall have expressed its confidence in his character and qualifications by electing him by unanimous vote of its active members; and provided he has received and delivered to said chapter a transfer certificate issued in due form by his chapter of initiation or of previous adoption.

Section 96.—It shall be the duty of the secretary of the chapter to which a member is thus transferred to record, in the official roll book of the chapter, his admission to active membership as in the case of admission by initiation, and to report such admission to the General Secretary upon the regular form for notice of admission.

Section 97.—No active member of any chapter shall accept or retain membership in any inter-collegiate and inter-fraternity class society; and if any active member of any

chapter shall accept membership in any such inter-collegiate and inter-fraternity class society, the Board of Trustees, on presentation of satisfactory proof thereof, shall authorize the General Secretary to drop the name of such member from the roll of the fraternity; provided, however, that upon the petition of any chapter, adopted by a two-thirds vote of its active members, the Board of Trustees may suspend or modify the application of this law to the members of such chapter for an indefinite period subject to revocation by the Board at any time.

Section 98.—Initiation ceremonies into the fraternity shall be limited by the respective chapters (1) to reasonable probationary measures not materially interfering with a candidate's study or class hours, and not in excess of one week's duration; (2) to the traditional Wooglin Ceremony; (3) to the fraternity examination and (4) to the prescribed and printed ritual of the fraternity. None of the above shall be given on Sunday. None of the above shall be given outside of the chapter house or hall. All horse-play and all probationary measures, except as above mentioned, are hereby forbidden; provided however that any prevailing initiation practices conflicting with the express provisions hereof may be continued with the consent of the Board of Trustees. The power to interpret this law is hereby vested in the Board of Trustees during the interim of the General Conventions of the fraternity.

Section 99.—The general fraternity membership fee to be paid by each initiate at the time of his initiation shall be ten dollars. Each chapter shall be held responsible for such membership fees. Upon receipt of such fee, the General Treasurer shall furnish to the initiate the standard shingle, the song book, and the handbook of the fraternity.

Section 100.—The annual dues of active members shall be seven dollars each, payable within ten days after registration of students is completed at the beginning of the college year in the institution where the chapter is located. Each chapter shall be charged with full annual dues for each active member registered in its institution for any portion of the fiscal year of the fraternity, July 1st to June 30th inclusive. Each chapter shall be held responsible for the payment of all general fraternity dues and fees of its members.

Section 101.—The membership fee in the Baird Fund of Beta Theta Pi shall be ten dollars each. It shall be payable immediately upon the initiation of each new member. Each chapter shall be held responsible for the payment of the Baird Fund membership fees of each of its initiates.

Section 102.—Any chapter failing to pay the annual dues of its members, or the general fraternity membership fee, or the Baird Fund membership fee of each of its initiates as prescribed by the laws, shall report the cause of such failure to the Convention following. Thereupon the Convention shall take such disciplinary action as it may see fit, and if said deficit is not satisfactorily provided for, the charter of the chapter may be withdrawn.

Section 103.—All dues in arrears for the term of ninety days shall be increased at the rate of two per cent a month until paid, as a fine for such delayed payment.

Section 104.—Chapters, as chapters, must not form combinations with chapters of other fraternities for the purpose of effecting elections to honors or offices.

CHAPTER VIII.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.

Section 105.—Associations of Alumni of the fraternity may be organized with the approval of the Board of Trustees. They shall be entitled to representation in the General Convention, and the General Secretary shall cause a list of such associations and their secretaries to be published in the fraternity magazine.

CHAPTER IX.

DISCIPLINE.

Section 106.—Penalties for conduct inconsistent with the character of a worthy member of the fraternity may extend to suspension from its privileges or to expulsion from the fraternity. Penalties shall not take effect, except as otherwise provided in case an appeal is perfected until the adjournment of the next annual Convention and until the completion of the three months requisite for the approval of its proceedings. In the trial by a chapter of a member of any chapter where the penalty upon conviction is to be either suspension or expulsion, the following code of procedure shall be observed.

Section 107.—All charges shall be preferred in writing and be signed by a member of

the chapter to whose jurisdiction the accused shall, for the time being, be subject. Such charges shall be clearly drawn and, if for acts committed, shall be followed by specifications succinctly setting forth the time and place of such acts.

Section 108.—Such charges and specifications shall be filed with the recorder of the chapter, who shall present them thereto at its first regular meeting thereafter, and if the chapter, by a majority vote, shall agree to entertain the same, they shall be spread upon the records and the time and place of hearing fixed; a copy thereof, duly certified, together with notice of time and place of hearing shall be served upon the accused not less than five days previous to the date of hearing, and acknowledgment of service signed by him on the original charges shall be required by the brother making the service; provided, however, in the event the accused should refuse to acknowledge such service, the affidavit of the brother making such service shall be accepted in lieu of such acknowledgment.

Section 109.—A duly certified copy of such charges shall at once be furnished to the District Chief of the District in which the chapter is located, who shall also be notified of the time for the trial as soon as the same shall be fixed.

Section 110.—Each active member of the chapter shall be notified of the date fixed upon, and of the purpose for which the meeting is to be held; and at such meeting no other business shall be transacted than that for which it is specially called.

Section 111.—The accused shall have all necessary opportunity for the presentation of testimony in his defense, and all exceptions made by him to any testimony presented shall be entered upon the record. All testimony shall be reduced to writing in the presence of the witnesses, and at its close shall be signed by them.

Section 112.—At such meeting and during all the proceedings thereof, the accused, with counsel, who shall be a member of the fraternity, shall be permitted to be present, and, after all the evidence and arguments shall have been heard, the chapter shall proceed to a ballot to determine its finding. If the accused is found guilty, the chapter shall proceed to ballot further to determine the penalty. If a ballot be taken upon the penalty of expulsion from the privileges of the fraternity a three-fourths affirmative vote of all the members present shall be required to expel. If a ballot be taken upon the penalty of suspension from the privileges of the fraternity, a majority vote of all the members present shall be required to suspend.

Section 113.—A suspension shall be for a definitely stated period not exceeding one year. Expulsion shall remove the name of the member from the chapter roll from the date of the vote of expulsion by the chapter, but shall not remove his name from the roll of the general fraternity until the close of the session of the annual convention next succeeding the trial of the member, when, if no appeal has been taken from the decision of the chapter, such expulsion shall become final and absolute, and his name shall be removed from the roll of the general fraternity.

Section 114.—At the close of the trial, as hereinbefore provided, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the chapter at once to make a transcript of the record of the case (including the original charges and all motions of written statements, as well as the evidence, reduced to writing), and shall transmit such transcript to the General Secretary, to be filed with the Board of Trustees for the use of the trustees and the General Convention, in case an appeal is perfected.

Section 115.—An appeal by any member from the decision of his chapter must be made in writing, specifically stating the grounds of such appeal, and a copy thereof must be filed with the recorder of such chapter within thirty days after such decision.

Section 116.—The secretary of the chapter shall at once transmit the notice of such appeal to the General Secretary for the use of the Board of Trustees; and the Board of Trustees shall thereupon proceed to consider and determine such appeal in such manner as it may deem best.

Section 117.—An appeal by any chapter or member from a decision of the Board of Trustees must be in writing, specifically stating the grounds of appeal, and must be filed with the General Secretary within thirty days after the notice to him of such decision. Upon the taking of such appeal the Board of Trustees shall transmit the entire record in the case to the next General Convention.

Section 118.—Whenever a chapter shall deem it wise and necessary for the honor and welfare of the fraternity to exercise the powers conferred by Section 6 of Article II of the Constitution, for the discipline of a brother within its jurisdiction, but a member of another chapter, it shall first transmit to him, and to the secretary of the

chapter to which he belongs, a certified copy of the charges against him and a notification of the time and place, when and where, a hearing upon the charges may be had.

Section 119.—At the close of such trial a transcript of the result shall be certified to the chapter to which the offending member belongs. Upon receipt of such transcript, the chapter shall cause it to be entered on its records.

Section 120.—Any criticism or complaint directed against any chapter, or any matter in dispute between chapters regarding the conduct of any chapter or any of its members, shall at once be referred to the General Secretary.

CHAPTER X.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 121.—These Laws may be amended or repealed at any General Convention by a vote of a majority of all the chapters of the fraternity.

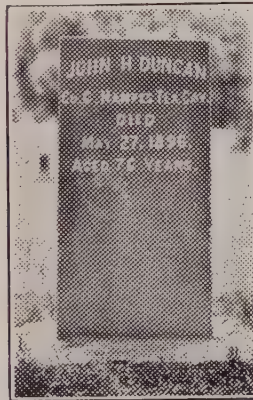
Section 122.—The Board of Trustees, four members concurring, may within one month after the publication of the proceedings of any General Convention, declare and publish in the magazine its disapproval of any law or resolution, or any part thereof, passed by such Convention, except those granting or revoking charters, and such law or resolution, or part thereof so disapproved, shall be of no force and effect unless again passed by the next succeeding General Convention by a vote of a majority of all the chapters of the fraternity.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the Constitution and the Laws, as presented herewith, are faithful copies of the Constitution and Laws adopted by the General Convention of Beta Theta Pi, at Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, Ontario, Canada on August 29, 1929.

HAROLD J. BAILY
General Secretary

New York, December 1, 1929.





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